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ELDERLY POOR PAYING TOO MUCH FOR MEDICARE

WASHINGTON, DC — The vice chairman of the House committee on aging, wants the Social Security Administration to tell poor, elderly Medicare recipients in New Jersey that they may be paying \$50 a month more than they must for coverage. The members of Congress heard a report by a senior citizens' advocacy group claiming that some two low-income elderly Americans have paid \$720 million more than necessary for Medicare premiums, plus \$728 each for Medicare deductibles on their hospital and doctors' bills.

PIRACY ROBBING HOLLYWOOD OF BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, DC — Movie fans could pay more for home videos and for tickets to the latest Hollywood hit if American-made movies continue to be pirated through electronic black boxes by unscrupulous film thieves, according to a member of the House telecommunications subcommittee.

The financial losses to America's movie industry are estimated at \$600 million a year in this country alone, and that unlicensed foreign copyright infringements may be costing the film and television industry twice as much, or \$1.2 billion more.

Board of Education: A Saga of Errors

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—Besides the dark clouds that hung overhead most of the afternoon prefacing the evening downpour that nearly drenched many entering Public School No. 26, where a Paterson Board of Education meeting was scheduled, an omen of son would soon rain down from the panel of commissioners.

The Paterson school board, still on the ropes from the impact of an unyielding tough-listed state Comprehensive Compliance Investigation report, chronicling 15 years of "ineptness," financial and administrative mismanagement, presented a proposal that clearly surprised many in the audience and elicited support from a few.

"Fight like Hell," Rev. J.J. Robinson, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, advocated to the board against any state intervention in the school district.

Seated in a poorly ventilated and uncomfortably humid auditorium, an audience of 50 would hear the board offer a "consent resolution" to state Commissioner of Education John Ellis, unanimously interpreted by many in the audience as — replace Superintendent Frank Napier, but leave the incumbent school board in place if a state takeover does occur. And that the board would accept a state-appointed district superintendent with veto power over its decisions. The CCI report documents years of discord and often lack of cooperation between the board and Napier.

To more than a few of the city's residents present, the term of the consent resolution clearly suggested a "deal," one more error committed by a long-troubled board. And the board's majority who approved the proposal would wait less than twenty-four hours before receiving a response from the state Department of Education.

"Unworkable" and "unacceptable" said Melinda A. Persi, acting assistant

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Bold educational alternative for African-Americans

by Alexander R. Jones

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — While many fear the loss of an entire generation of African-American and Hispanic youth to the scourge of drugs that is sweeping our cities, some courageous leaders

MOTHER EXPRESSES GRIEF AND OUTRAGE OVER SENSELESS DEATH

by Pamela D. Wilson

NEWARK—Tasha Mayse, 16, had experienced almost two decades of life and was about to start a life of her own when both were snuffed out by a hail of gunfire from police.

The five-month pregnant Newark teen along with 20-year-old Lamont Russell Jones of Newark were passengers in a van that was stuck at gunpoint on Parkhurst Street in Newark from a 46-year-old Irvington man. The teenagers in the silver 1990 Astro van became involved in a high-speed chase by Newark police from Newark to Hillside. Local officials said that the stolen van collided into the back of the Hillside patrol car that slid almost 140 feet on a North Broad Street overpass at Route 22 in Hillside. The officer who fired the initial shot remains unidentified. At the end of the 2:40 Sunday morning shoot-out, family advisors say an

estimated 43 bullets had been fired into the van.

A devastated and melancholy Sharon Mayse, mother of the young female victim, recalls her eldest child and only daughter as a positive young lady who excelled academically at Marcus

Garvey High School. Tasha would have completed her 10th grade year at this school. Tasha surrounded herself with positive friends, sang in the church choir and was involved in community activities, stated a proud Mrs. Mayse. "She was just Tasha," her mother said with a far-away look in her eyes.

Tasha received various school



NEWARK—Municipal Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker, took over as Newark's Municipal Council President on July 1, 1991. At that time, outgoing President Ralph T. Grant, Jr. turned over responsibility for leading the legislative body of New Jersey's largest city to Councilman Tucker, and returned to his at-large seat. The swearing-in ceremony for Councilman Tucker was held on Monday, July 1, 1991. The inaugural program included a reading of the July 1990 Resolution which divided the four-year Newark Municipal Council Presidency term between Councilmen Grant, Tucker, Donald Bradley (South Ward, President for 1992-93) and

anahls including one given to her by her family, Carlton Mayse. Tasha's uncle said that she was excited about possibly attending an Ivy League school one day.

Mrs. Mayse with a look of emotional strain said that it is hard for her to even remain in her Hill Manor apartment complex in Newark without her daughter.

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Tucker sworn in as Newark Municipal Council President

Harris (At-large, President for 1993-94). Several musical selections were performed. Mayor Sharpe James and local elected officials spoke, and the oath of office was administered by City Clerk, Robert Marasco. Remarks were made by incoming President Donald Tucker, as well as by outgoing President Ralph T. Grant, Jr.

According to Councilman Tucker, it was his way of saying "thank you to residents, families, friends, colleagues and others who have been supportive of me during my years in office. It was also a way of kicking off a term as President of the Council, during which I hope to make many positive decisions on behalf of my constituency."

Black Newspapers 'Challenged' to continue crusade for truth

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Major speakers challenged the black press to continue serving as the vigilant voice of African-American communities as approximately 200 publishers met at the National Newspaper Publishers' Association's 31st Annual convention in Atlanta, June 19-23 to elect new officers and consider an agenda for future development.

Rev. Bernice King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Susan Taylor, executive editor of Essence Magazine; and Rep. William Gray (D-PA) addressed the publishers and media representatives after Georgia Gov. Zell Miller welcomed the guests. As a former weekly newspaper publisher, Miller urged the NNPA members to never sell their publications.

Reverend King urged the publishers to counteract the negative images of predominantly white-controlled media by providing black communities' information about true conditions among the

people. "The majority of our women are not on welfare. The majority of our men are not behind bars. The majority of our people want jobs and the majority of us

want to be independent and self-sufficient and we have not forgotten from whence we came," Doctor King's fourth and youngest child declared. "Too many people have

the world's eighth largest economy, has a 1991 projected deficit of \$3.6 billion and is looking at a 1992 shortfall of \$9 billion. New York has a billion dollar hole for 1991 and \$6.5 billion deficit for 1992, while Texas has a 1991-1993 biannual deficit of \$4.5 billion and Pennsylvania about a billion deficit in 1991, making possible a \$2.5 billion deficit in 1992. Where has

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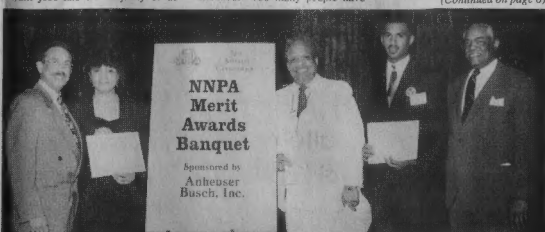
Public sector job problems

by Charles E. Belle

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Budget revenue shortages at the state, federal and local level are here. In spite of numerous tax increases in the recent past, putting enough cash in the till to pay state increases for fiscal year 1991 will amount to at least \$10.6 billion, the largest ever single year tax increase. Nevertheless, California,

bled and died for me to feel good about myself for me to have a defeatist attitude," she said.

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The National Newspaper Publishers Association 1991 Merit Award winners in the category of Best News Picture were announced by at its convention in Atlanta. Represented here left to right are: Robert Bogel, president-elect of NNPA; 1st place winner, City News represented by Co-owner and Managing Editor, Jan M. Edgerton Johnson; 2nd place winner, Carolina Peace-maker; 3rd place, Washington Afro-American and Anheuser Busch, Inc. Vice President Henry Brown.

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CITY PEOPLE

Perry Williams' Day in Irvington, N.J.



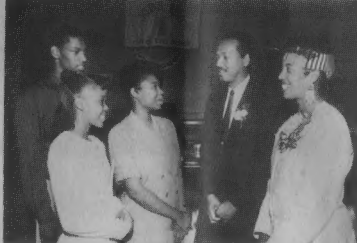
Irvington Mayor Michael Steele (left) with Perry Williams

Mayor Mike Steele designated "Perry Williams Day in Irvington." Williams' Number 23 of the New York/New Jersey Giants came to Irvington to give a pop talk to high school athletes and to cheer on the new football coach, Chet Parkevedio, who was a former Oakland Raider.

Williams spoke of being a "country boy" from North Carolina who has done well, who realizes one must maintain self-discipline, determination and drive to stay on top. Williams also told the attentive crowd that education is more important in the long term. "Presently, I am a graduate student at TDU in Rutherford. I want to better myself. I won't al-

ways be a pro football player, but I intend to be successful in the business world," Williams stated. Williams answered questions for about a half hour. He told the students that he was involved in commercial real estate and would remain in that business after pro football.

Cooper and Employers Graduate 100 Youth



EAST ORANGE — Over 40 business owners and employers joined Mayor Cardell Cooper at the graduation ceremony of almost 100 Youth from the city's JOBS 100 program. The ceremony took place in the East Orange City Council Chambers. Steve Ewing, Chair of Jobs 100, distributed certificates to 94 students. He was joined by William Bradley of Bradley Financial Services, Robert Dillworth of First Impression Beauty Salon, Gabe D'Uva of Shop-Rite and Herman

White of East Orange General Hospital, all employers of graduates.

JOBS 100 is an innovative program sponsored by the city of East Orange designed to benefit the community and local businesses by fulfilling two primary goals: to provide young people with a meaningful summer work experience and to supply East Orange and area businesses with workers who have basic workplace skills.

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Should I Join The Unification Church?

I was walking down a major downtown street, in Washington, DC, last week, when I passed a group of people from the Unification Church. These people, who are sometimes referred to as "Moonies," were recruiting new members.

As I walked by, one of them stopped me and started a conversation.

HM: "You look like a business man. May I ask you a couple of questions?"

ME: "Certainly."

HM: "There are many, many problems in our world and my organization, the Unification Church, is trying to solve them. We need people like you to help us."

ME: "What exactly does the Unification Church do for Black people?"

HM: "Our church helps all of the people of the world by trying to bring peace to the world."

ME: "I am Black, and Black people suffer in society whether there is war or peace."

HM: "In the eyes of God, you and I are the same. God does not see race when He looks at people."

ME: "Unfortunately, the major problems that Black people have are caused by racism, who are the so-called children of God. What is your church doing to alleviate these specific problems?"

HM: "You are a child of God and you must accept some of the responsibility for bringing God's will to this planet. We can help you to understand God's love, to also understand what he will someday bring to this world."

ME: "If you wish to help a major, oppressed, minority group in this nation, your organization could mount a concerted effort to eliminate discrimination. You own a newspaper, the Washington Times, so why don't you publish each day the names of ap-

ment buildings that discriminate against Blacks?"

HM: "You put too much emphasis on being Black? Our leader, Sun Myung Moon, allows people of different races to marry."

ME: "Frankly, being able to marry a person of another race is not even on my list of objectives. Being treated fairly is my primary objective."

HM: "Our church believes in Dr. Martin Luther King. He lives in our hearts."

ME: "Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered and the civil rights that he gained for Black people have practically all been taken away."

HM: "You have a responsibility to make this a better world. You must stop talking only about helping Black people."

ME: "You appear to be nice people. But in the years that I have known of your organization, your major selling point is approving mixed marriages."

HM: "We believe in world peace, in bringing forth God's message, in improving the environment, in helping our fellow man."

ME: "Your goals are nice sounding generalizations that are excellent for a perfect world. But we live in a society that is horrible for many people, especially Black people. My responsibility as a human being is to make this a better world for oppressed people, first. Then, we will work together to improve the environment and do his other wonderful things that you mentioned."

HM: "Your organization really wants to make this world a better place to live, you should recruit and teach the wonderful principles to humanity to the people who have destroyed the civil rights of minorities. Don't waste your time recruiting Black people. They are the victims."

\$10,000 in scholarships goes to ECC

NEWARK — WNNK-FM chairman Guy LeBow presented a \$10,000 scholarship recently to Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, president of Essex County College (ECC), for eligible communication students at ECC.

According to WNNK-FM's public affairs coordinator, Gloria Bryant, the Newark-licensed station has contributed scholarships to ECC annually, since 1985, totalling \$70,000 in funding for electronic media majors, with an emphasis on radio. In addition, the radio station provides internships for scholarship recipients.

Dr. Yamba, upon accepting the check, expressed appreciation on behalf of the college and scholarship winners, and added that WNNK's gifts to the college provide both full and partial scholarships.



Dr. Zachary Yamba, president Essex County College (left front row) receives a scholarship check for \$10,000 from Guy LeBow, WNNK chairman.

CITY NEWS SELECTED NUMBER 1

ATLANTA—The National Newspaper Publishers Association, the association of over 200 Black newspaper publishers in the country, at its 51st Annual NNPA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia selected CITY NEWS for its Best News Picture 1991 Merit Award.

CITY NEWS won for its photographs of the Phillip Pannell funeral taken by Glen Frieson of Corporate Photo Services in East Orange.

The NNPA Merit Awards Banquet was sponsored by Anheuser Busch, Inc. to recognize the quality of NNPA members and encourage continued improvement and development of member newspapers.

"Anheuser Busch, Inc. through Vice President Henry Brown is the catalyst and major contributor to the Merit Award program," said NNPA President-elect Robert Bogle, Publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune. The National Newspaper Publishers Association is a trade association formed in 1940 to bring together publishers of African-American-owned newspapers in the interest of advancing their mutual economic and professional concerns.

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Henry C. Johnson, publisher of City News, congratulates photographer Glen Frieson for taking the photos which won 1st place in the category of Best News Picture in national competition at the National Newspaper Publishers Association convention held in Atlanta.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

PATERSON — The Roots of Rap, lecture at Free Public Library, 250 Broadway. For more information, call (201) 881-7038.

NEWARK — The International Black Women's Congress will host a two week tour of Egypt. For reservations and further information, call 201-926-0570.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

WESTFIELD — Free seminar on Retirement and Estate Planning from 7 - 9 p.m. at 300 North Avenue East. For more information call (908) 654-9854.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK — "Tour the Iron-bound," an historic and informative tour of the Iron-bound section of Newark. Cost of tour is \$5 and reservations are needed. For more information, call (201) 822-4910.

MONDAY, JULY 15

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Is There DCA in Your Financial Future" offered through Union County

College from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 709-17501.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

WESTFIELD — Free seminar on Retirement and Estate Planning. From 1 - 3 p.m. at 300 North Avenue East. For more information call (908) 654-9854.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

NEW YORK — Whiskas World of Cats Puzzle Party at the Bronx Zoo through the 21st. For more information call (212) 220-5197.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

MAHWAH — Ramapo College Foundation Jubilee brunch at the Pathmark Tennis Finals.

MONDAY, JULY 22

MAHWAH — Ramapo College Foundation Golf Tournament.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

PATERSON — Jammin' at the Library: A Summer Jazz Concert, Free Public Library, 250 Broadway. For more information, call (201) 881-7038.

SUNDAY, JULY 28th

ENGLEWOOD — Black Doll Show, Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Adults \$4 at door. Children under 10 free. For more information call 201-568-4708.

We can do this

Sen. Chaka Fattah

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—On the first Friday in June, the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, declared bankruptcy. In the *New York Times* on that same day, Mayor David Dinkins of New York City was reported to be considering layoffs for 20,000 workers to alleviate that city's fiscal crisis.

The city of Philadelphia narrowly postponed its day of reckoning through a State reelected to manage by a State appointed council board.

Cities, once bustling market places, cultural centers and desirable national anchors, are quite literally falling apart. And the decaying process is no respecter of city's past glories. We can continue to do nothing, and say nothing, and act as if everything is fine. Unless we succeed in halting this process of decline, our cities will continue their inexorable slide down the drain with untold costs in terms of the erosion of the human spirit.

The objection most often raised to launching an all out attack on urban decay is that it is too costly. If the spending of tax dollars is an indication of our priorities as a nation, where are we spending our money and how much is too much? Rehabilitating the nation's cities would not cost a billion dollars a day, yet we readily paid that to rescue Kuwait. We seem prepared to pay upwards of \$750 billion dollars to rescue the savings and loan industry, but we are constantly told that there are no funds for America's cities. Lockheed, General Dynamics, and Boeing just celebrated being awarded a Defense Department contract to produce a new fighter plane: the YF-22. This plane is projected to cost one trillion dollars a copy. How many roads and bridges and human lives would one billion dollars repair? When will the spending of the taxpayers money match the needs in our communities? According to our urban reelected plan that was introduced in this column last month, we offered a solution.

In ten years, at 100 billion per year, we could make questions about the survivability of cities a thing of the past. We urged the establishment of an urban reinvestment strategy which would create for the nation cities the same kind of investment approach that built the nations highways. In ten years. We even included provisions for adjusting the rate of spending if required by budget limitations. Mayors, educators, elected officials, and public ad-

ministrators across the country have called the plan, "insightful...," "workable...," "thoughtful...," "a sound approach."

We do not spend money on cities, not because doing so would be too costly, but because we have not made cities one of the priorities that this country should focus its efforts upon. And believe me, that will not change unless and until we change it. If we are to remain a government of the people, by the people, for the people, it is imperative that each of us becomes personally involved in setting national priorities. We must transform that mechanism from one which functions at the expense of the people into one which functions for the people. Think about it. Which would you rather do: provide education, housing, health care, and liveable communities, or bail out the savings and loan industry. Let's prove that cities are a priority. Let's apply the same can-do American spirit that carried the day in the Middle East to securing the peace here at home.

What happened in Japan and New York and Philadelphia is happening all over the country. It can happen in your city tomorrow. For more information on how you can become involved, contact State Senator Chaka Fattah, 4104 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Business in the Black...

Making of a major sport

U.S. soccer success growing with the population

by Charles E. Belle

WASHINGTON, DC (NPPA) — There are only twenty-eight head coaching jobs in the National Football League, and with the exception of the San Francisco 49ers offensive coach, Mike Holgren, every other coach in high school, college or professional ranks would need to jump at the chance to coach an NFL team. The coaching job of the 1990's, nevertheless, is the one and only head coach of the U.S. National Soccer Team. "Football," as soccer is known all over the rest of the world, is going to take its place at the top of major sports franchises before the end of this decade.

Defeating defending South American club champion Olimpia of Paraguay in Tampa, tying Mexico, conquering Canada and barely being aced by Argentina caused by a momentary drop of concentration, the U.S. National team is definitely in contention for this year's World Soccer Championship. The demographics of the U.S. dictate the real news, however, in that there is a growth of more soccer sports fans in this nation. Nothing in major sports is growing faster than the fever for "football" world

style in the United States.

Stars created by the "magic man," head coach, Bora Milutinovic of the U.S. National Team will slowly but surely make the front of the sport sections of newspapers across the country. And why not, it is not just a white American suburban sport, but a backbone of the Caribbean, Hispanic and Latino American competitive cultural heritage. The high growth in population of this group in the U.S. coupled with the coming of age of children raised in the sport in suburban America are going to demand and receive prime time TV coverage.

Starting in 1994 when the whole world will focus on the U.S. efforts to be number one in the number one attended sport worldwide — watch out for NFL-type publicity for soccer. Publicity plus advertising, means big dollars for professional U.S. soccer athletes. A current U.S. team may only get travel and accommodations worldwide, plus \$20,000-\$40,000 depending on games played. Foreign national stars' starting salaries are in the millions plus celebrity status in whatever country they play. Forming for these foreign clubs could also be an avenue which is

available for all American youth to follow for equal pay. Publicizing the pay of the foreign soccer stars in the U.S. during the World Cup in 1994 will ignite more impoverished youth to try the sport for stardom and fortune.

The U.S. National Soccer Team showcases the success available for World Cup '94 by holding Argentina, World Cup champions in 1976, 1986 and runner up in 1990 to a mere goal in front of over 31,000 fans in Stanford University stadium in May. More paying fans attended this single game than the average daily attendance of most baseball games and some NFL football games during the season. Still growing world football style (soccer) is becoming a bigger success each day with World Cup committees in 13 cities. Twenty-seven cities across the country are bidding for the right to host matches. This is only one city less than the number of cities currently with NFL franchises. World Cup USA 1994, the most popular sporting event in the world, will elevate soccer in the United States, to the major sports league status it deserves in this country.

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Public Sector Job Problems

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all the money gone? Many believe for unnecessary services and bureaucratic salaries. Some or both of which must and will be carefully cut.

State and local taxes as a result of Republican executive administrations have reached historic highs due to federal cutbacks in funding for local programs. State and local taxes combined as a percent of Gross National Product (GNP), all the goods and services produced in the country, hit 12.3% in 1990, exceeded only by the World War II years.

Since the Bush administration is still backing a big defense budget, no relief is in sight for increased state or local, federal grant revenue. Reviewing services and jobs is the only choice for cutting expenditures by city and state governments. Cutting jobs only hurts those working. Getting a job in city government will become extremely difficult in the next year. African, Asian and Hispanic Americans who have benefited most from state and local affirmative action employment requirements will begin to suffer heavy losses. Less job openings on an equal basis will bother all minority groups, far greater than the white male majority. Union frictions is also likely for the time being with toward fighting for positions based on seniority.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

The Black Press and Truth

Last week over two hundred black publishers and journalists convened in Atlanta to attend the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) 51st National Convention. These newspapers represent approximately 11 million black readers weekly.

During the convention workshops on marketing, advertising, and building strong editorial departments were conducted. The clear message, however, above all, was the need for the Black Press to advocate for the public welfare of African-Americans in this country. In the course of a few weeks, two great African-American journalists died: Ethel Payne, considered the ablest of the Washington Press Corps and Newark's own Dean Harry Webster, mentor to many present-day black journalists. Remembering what these two journalists accomplished and reflecting on the convention reaffirms our mission as the Black Press to "lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it (the Black Press) accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back."

Salute to America's Heroes—Honoring Black War Veterans speaks to the goal of identifying and writing about the accomplishments of African-Americans. "Salute" focuses on the concerns of black men and women in the military as they fought for freedom for this country and other countries and freedom to share in the opportunities at home. Most importantly, "Salute" gives the citizens of New Jersey a chance to say thank you personally to the brave men and women who have placed their lives on the line in various wars.

CITY NEWS will continue to bring readers our best effort to inform and enlighten. It will continue to bring a sometimes-alternative message from, about and for African-American people who are the conscience of our country, state and our communities.

In times like these, with the greatest civil justice who ever sat on the bench, Thurgood Marshall, retiring; with hopelessness increasing; with racism and racial brutality increasing, we recognize our obligation to tell the truth. From gathering at national conventions such as the NNPA for knowledge, teaching and reaffirmation to remembering the dedication of Ethel and Harry, we know a spark of information can kindle the knowledge of a roaring fire of truth setting the whole world free.

by Connie Woodruff

Congressman Bill Gray, a former pastor of Union Baptist Church in Monclair before answering a call in Philadelphia a decade ago, was always a class act.

When he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives last week, he had to be aware of the shock it would cause but if his decision had caused any inner turmoil, it was not detected in his cool demeanor.

As the third in succession to the presidency, Gray was probably at the height of a still promising political career. Few politicians this close to the brass ring would think about quitting. They would gamble for something bigger.

But Gray has opted to give up the glitter and uncertainty of life beneath the capitol dome to take over the directorship of the United Negro College Fund, a cause that has always been dear to him and his family.

But the rumor still persists that Bill Gray may be the Democratic Party choice for vice president in 1992 and will be more effective running from a position that guarantees him national exposure than from the limited confines of an urban congressional district.

This is partially substantiated by the fact that some political eagles began sniping at Congressman Gray earlier this year, thus making it an incentive for him to leave Congress now with a reputation as one of the

best of the breed, caring and sensitive pastor, teacher and family man in tact and while his popularity is at an all time high.

In politics, timing is everything and the smart guys are the ones who know when to quit and that is usually when the masses are clamoring for more of a good thing.

William Celestier, Newark's new Police Director, was sworn into office on with plenty of fanfare and hundreds of community residents seated in the main chancery of Hopewell Baptist Church to witness the ceremony.

Greetings and remarks were brought by Mayor Sharpe James and City Council President Ralph T. Grant, Jr. while local church members and police colleagues kept a watchful eye.

For the curious who were asking questions, Mrs. Celestier has an aunt who lives in Newark and is an active member of Hopewell Baptist Church. Except for several friends who happen to be Newark policemen, the family has no other "police connection" in or to the City.

As far as swearing-in ceremonies go, the Celestier affair got off to a good start. However, as many of the women were leaving the chamber, they noted the absence of a woman on the platform loaded with "distinguished city leaders."

In the Newark of the 1990s that would be a "serious oversight" by the people who put the program together. As one senior

citizen noted, "Women are more than 50 percent of the city's population and we do have one female council person. She's sitting in the audience. I hope this does not mean Director Celestier will make it a habit to forget that women are important to the well-being of the City, including the police force and detective squads."

Later during a press conference, Celestier noted his first priority will be to follow the Mayor's mandate to make police more visible as a deterrent to crime. His goal will be to have about 80 percent of the force "out on the street."

Residents in Newark's Society Hill section, are happy the new director and his wife will be neighbors. In fact so many police families are moving into University Heights it will probably be the safest neighborhood in town.

Celestier and Mayor James recalled again, the rags to riches story about director being a gang member who dropped out of high school, later returning for a GED and finally graduating from Northeastern University in Boston with a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and finally earning a Masters in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College.

As a deputy superintendent of the Newark Police Department, Celestier was in charge of Area B, a high crime district. That experience is what Newark needs as it continues to wrestle with the problem of juvenile crime and the image of being the stolen car capital of the country.

Celestier says he's a cop who believes in community participation and will schedule talks with precinct captains as part of his campaign to involve neighborhoods in crime fighting activities.

It may find himself face to face with an unpleasant side of the Newark community if Rev. Al Sharpton and his "crusaders" continue to picket Mayor James' house in protest over the alleged cop killing of two young people joy riding and trying to salute police in a stolen van.

Meanwhile, at the end of a long, ceremonial day, Director and Mrs. Celestier were the last of the city at a Quality Inn reception welcoming them to Newark. Everything was peaceful and happy for the moment as invited guests nibbled finger food, sipped coffee and drank their thirst with lots of bubbles.

Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, parishioners are rightfully proud of their pastor, Rev. James Scott, the new president of the American Baptist Churches. Scott was elected to a two-year term during the sect's convention last week. About 2600 delegates attended and gave Scott, who ran unopposed, a standing ovation.

The new honor comes to Scott during the celebration of Bethany's 125th anniversary and will probably give an added dimension to the year long observance.

Letters

Reader claims black men are weak

Dr. Editor:

When will you blacks understand that whites hate your guts. The only reason a white woman marries or has anything to do with a black man is because she can do nothing in her race and what she wants she can't get. The only black men who want white women are niggers, real niggers. As any decent black man knows that his best bet is his own race. Now I know a lot of black women are not right but that's because she has had some bad treatment from her father, or some black man that was supposed to be treating her good. Black men (niggers) go out of their way to hurt any other race of females better than his own. This is why

other nationalities disrespect the black man so much. The black woman is always protecting him and he is always messing up. Look at Quincy Jones with his white wife and the poor kids who are now half-breeds. It's not their fault but that is what they are.

Now I see why they used to hang black men in the south. They knew they were to leave these no good women alone but they just can't help themselves and they would get lynched. You see, the black man in this country is weak as hell anyway for letting the white keep him and his woman in slavery all those years anyway and he is still doing it. He will sell his wife, daughter, cousin anyone so he doesn't have

to work hard. When a black man does work hard the others will call him a fool. So he and his stupid self starts to follow the crowd. I was married to two (2) American black men and they both suggested that I sleep with white men so they did not have to work hard. I left both of them.

I am of West Indian parents and I know if my father was alive for me to tell him that he would have killed them right on the spot. I tell every West Indian that comes to this country, don't marry any American black, they will mess up your life. You have to watch them like a hawk, you have to put your wife family on him to make him do and then he still won't do until you start punishing him out; as I said slave mentality.

I saw a David Suzuki show years back and he had 13 young people from mixed marriages and every one except one's parents were either separated or divorced and they themselves would not enter into a mixed marriage because people were either calling them nigger or honky or cracker or white or black trash or mute anything to degrade them.

So as you can see, anyone with any sense knows what is going on and I am writing this letter just to let you know that I finally took the time to let you know that American black men can't s--- and those white tramps can have them.

Mrs. J. W. Sumpter

Union, NJ

Editors note:

Mrs. Sumpter's letter was in response to Dr. Charles Faulkner's Copping column appearing in the November 14, 1990 issue of City News.

White is not always right

Dear Editor:

At a recent lecture, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Robert Wilentz, described discrimination as a disease, and left unaddressed will become acceptable to society. He said, "When you see it long enough and often enough, you stop seeing how horrible it is."

Certainly, the Biersdorf art work hanging in Plainfield's mu-

nicipal courtroom, depicting Native Americans on their knees in worship of Columbus, is discriminatory towards so-called Indians. Native Americans should not have salt rubbed into their wounds with this negative image of them on their knees in our so-called halls of justice.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Plainfield's Council, Judge and Mayor who utilize this courtroom for public and judicial proceedings should recognize Rev. King's admonition for us to be concerned about other things being said, or maybe we do not view Native Americans as true human beings.

The Mayor said he was going to keep the painting, but Stuart Allen, Chief of Plainfield's Cultural and Heritage Commission, says to cover the picture

would be censorship. The question is not censorship of art, but rather what is appropriate for public display in our courthouses. Remember! Many people have no choice and must attend court proceedings even though they find the painting offensive.

This image of Native Americans bowing in worship to white folk for Columbus and his men is contrary to biblical teachings and contrary to Native American culture, and is further humiliating that Columbus and his followers considered and viewed many of the natives as human merchandise. How can a slaveowner be god-like?

Columbus had one standard of justice for his European friends, and one of standard justice for the local natives. Does the picture in the courtroom symbolize the kind of justice Plainfield's Judge will dole out—

one justice for the rich or white, another justice for the poor or black?

I believe that in the name of "good racial relations," we must recognize our controversial historical heroes for what they were and not what we want them to have been. A most graphic example of a similar problem that persists in our society and acts as a corruption in the Christian religion is the presentation of Jesus in a white body, although we have no ideas of how Jesus actually looked. I believe the reason Jesus is in a white body is the same reason the artist, Bierstadt, put those Native Americans on their knees at the feet of Christopher (the Christ) Columbus. The reason is to suggest to the masses that God is white, and therefore white folks are god-like. Maybe that is the main reason some peo-

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Quote of the week

African-American men have to take more responsibility for raising their children, especially their boys. Fathers have to teach their boys to be men.

John Singleton

Director, "Boys in the Hood"

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Child Watch

Home is where the children should be

by Marian Wright Edelman

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)—Home is where the heart is, they say. Unfortunately for too many Americans, especially children, losing a home is a constant fear or a real occurrence.

The figures are dismal. An estimated 100,000 American children are homeless each day—about equal to the total number of children in Atlanta, Boston, Miami or Newark. Every year 2 million children live the pain of homelessness for days, weeks or months.

How can this nation tolerate this horrendous situation? How did this happen? What can be done so no child has to worry about losing a home? These questions recur through my head constantly. Consider three points:

First, we must understand that homelessness is not only men sleeping on benches or women pushing carts down a street. Today we see more and more families with children—one third of the nation's homeless population—sleeping in cars or shelters or begging for money on street corners.

Second, many families are barely getting through each day. They are victims of an expensive housing market, and most often decreasing incomes. There are now more than 10 million low-income households competing for the more than 6 million housing units they might possibly afford. As long as this gap exists, millions of poor families and their children will live on the edge, spending most of their income on housing they cannot really afford.

If you had to choose between paying for your child's health care or pay rent, which one will take priority? Or do you repair the car to get to work or pay rent? These are tough choices—choices families should not agonize over.

Finally, we know positive efforts can turn these families around. With 100 percent effort from federal, state and local government, the private sector, as well as community support, we will reverse this dangerous trend.

Fortunately there are many programs and people who are making a difference with their support and compassion.

Washington State has a \$10 million Housing Trust Fund which supports a Homelessness Prevention program and a Rental Assistance program.

The New Jersey Homelessness Prevention Program provides

cash assistance for rent and mortgage payments, as well as much-needed loans and grants.

Project Homecoming in South Bend, Indiana provides critical services to homeless families and children.

In Atlanta, Georgia, homeless shelters work with the state's Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to ensure that eligible homeless pregnant women and young children are enrolled.

A Girl Scouts program for homeless children launched in Los Angeles, New York, Washington, DC, Philadelphia and elsewhere is providing youngsters a sense of community and stability.

The list goes on. Children are the innocent victims. Homeless children are at risk of poor health and nutrition. Ultimately it affects their ability to learn. If they don't do well in school, their future is in jeopardy.

We've seen the homeless around us. We understand the circumstances surrounding homelessness, so let's work on making it a thing of the past. This country owes our children and families nothing less than to make them a priority.

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Stetsasonic, The Hip Hop Band, Strikes Again

by Terry Benjamin

Stetsasonic, the hip hop band, coming straight out of Brooklyn, presents a showcase for producers within the group on "Blood, Sweat & No Tears," their third album from Tommy Boy Records. Daddy-O, Bobby Simmons, DBC, and Prince Paul show why this group will be around for a long time. They display brilliant versatility on this 17-track LP.

The Ebony Chief Daddy-O has been recognized as one of the best producers in the field of contemporary music, producing and remixing tracks for a diverse group of recording artists that include the B-52's, They Might Be Giants, Kiara, and The Red Hot Chili Peppers. His tracks on the latest Stet album shine with talent and professionalism.

Daddy-O may be the producer on the infectious dance jam "So Let The Fun Begin" but The Rhyme Outlaw MC Delite shows out one of the best rhymes: "Lines around the corner just to see the band/bodies are packed like sardines in a can." "Ghetto Is The World" has Daddy-O in the producers chair and on lead rap vocals: "Energy's wasted time after time/It took about it make me wanna lose my mind/Turn on the music and you think the music makes you dumb/You ain't down you didn't even fight to find James Brown."

A socially conscious group, the Stet men's rap message is that actions speak louder than words, especially on "Don't Let Your Mouth Write A Check," where Daddy-O raps: "People like to talk about the hip hop band/Not that they get away with it/But they think they can't."

In a more commercial groove is "Do You Remember This?" musical collaboration with singing force M.D.s. On this cut, Daddy-O brings in a classic sample from the 45 King's "Number" that recalls fondly the roots of rap music.

"Walkin In The Rain" is a collaboration between producers Daddy-O and Bobby Simmons, a change of pace tune, a love lullaby dedicated to the women they leave behind when they go on tour. "Not a mountain high for a valley low/Not a river wide enough can stop the flow," MC Delite raps. "So as we walk and talk and romance, the rain/No doubt my message for you is still the same."

A live drummer for the Stet band, Bobby Simmons is a fantastic producer in his own right. On "Go Brooklyn 3" he gives the Stet rappers funky musical support as Daddy-O raps: "Feel the rhythm that can break a camel's back/For every love and know we never sleep, Jack-o if you're down you know you're gonna get away/So keep pace cause this time we're taking large steps."

Simmons is the driving force behind the humorous "Speaking Of A Girl Named Surey," a story about a groupie who becomes a heroine: "Our bus started dozing off/The driver started drifting/Surey noticed first/She awoke the crew and the driver no doubt/We saved our lives and that's a fact."

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To whom it may concern is a jam for our fans In the U.S., U. K., Australia, Japan Brooklyn, L.I., and every other area People feel eager to catch the Stet Fever Here's something new for a change on the radio Than the 'me-me-me' braggadocio

To Whom It May Concern Stetsasonic



STETSASONIC

Simmons also assembles a musical collage entitled "The Hip Hop Band" and provides the rousing dance track that captures the excitement of the Stet live show on "No B.S. Allowed" where Delite raps hardcore: "And plug into this smooth groove/Complex funky, thesaurus seminar/Don't ever try to mess on any issue/Or you'll be over here like wet toilet tissue."

The Devastating Beat Creator

DBC is the producer on "Corporate America" and "Heaven Hit The M.P.s," two tracks that are musically exciting but will get no radio airplay because of the profanity found in the lyrics.

The Grand Wizard DJ Prince Paul is another Stet man who has had success as an outside producer working with De La Soul, 3rd Bass, Living Colour, and Fine Young Cannibals. On this album Paul produces "To Whom It May Concern," an oral

history of Stetsasonic and "Paul's A Sucker," a playful musical interlude. But even more exciting and full bodied are "Uda Man," a pass-the-mike rap, and the title cut "Blood, Sweat & No Tears" which is not very radio friendly with its liberal profanity.

"Uda Man" (You The Man) is a rap symphony that has all the Stet men rapping, including DJ Prince Paul and The Human Mix Machine Wise. A special guest rapper is Stet roadie Asim who raps:

Here we are back from vacation It took awhile cause of a crazy situation

The Stet wrote it I am him For those who don't know me my name is Asim

On the mike for the very first time

Gettin loose while I'm kicking my rhyme

These bad boys from Brooklyn really cut loose on the all the way live "Blood, Sweat & No Tears" where Delite raps:

I've been endowed with the gift that strikes the mark

So take heart as the flow begins to spark

And hit the pinacule as things get critical

I'm sweating bullets but I'm cooler than a popickle.

All through a career that has spawned two other LPs—"On Fire," "In Full Gear"—and an international touring schedule, "Free South Africa (The Remix)" shows that this group has always been socially conscious. A high point of this type of activity was their '89 performance at the Nelson Mandela benefit in Great Britain's Wembley Arena before 80,000 spectators. "It was incredible," Daddy-O reports. "I guess each thinking person in the world hopes that you do something in life that means something, that your performance was the most special thing we've ever done."

If their latest album, "Blood, Sweat & No Tears," is any indication, Stetsasonic fans can expect more "special things" from this premiere hip hop band.

Marcia Carneiro receives Metro BPW scholarship

NEWARK — Newark resident Marcia Carneiro will be presented with a \$750 Scholarship Award from Newark Metropolitan Business and Professional Women, Inc. (Newark Metro BPW) in recognition of her outstanding scholastic achievements.

Through the efforts of Newark Metro BPW's Scholarship Committee, Carneiro will also receive a matching \$750 Scholarship Award from Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and a \$50 Scholarship Award from First Fidelity Bank.

Carneiro, a senior at East Side High School and ranked seventh in her class, received award June 25 at Newark Metro BPW's monthly meeting at New Jersey Bell in Newark.

Organized in 1988, Newark Metro BPW's membership is comprised of 50 women from many of the businesses dotting downtown Newark. The organization is part of BPW/USA, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., which is the oldest and largest organization of working women in the world.

Marcia Carneiro is a highly motivated individual and we would like to see her succeed in her educational goal of attending Rutgers University," said Nansie

Fichter, president of Newark Metro BPW. "She has shown inner strength and determination. Even though she suffers from Lupus, she has managed to maintain a high academic standard and is highly motivated to continue her education. We hope our award will help Marcia get started in the right direction and help her fulfill her dream of becoming an engineer."

Carneiro is secretary to the National Honor Society and the recipient of several scholastic awards including a Certificate of Excellence, Certificate of CTBS and Certificate of High School Scholars.

Fichter said the mission of Newark Metro BPW is to elevate the standards for women in business and the professions. Six committees are actively working to make Newark Metro BPW a vital networking link. She said Rhonda Fischer, vice president of Newark Metro BPW, is chairperson of the Scholarship Action Committee.

"The \$750 Scholarship Award is targeted at assisting a student who excels scholastically and demonstrates financial need," said Fichter. "We view the award as an important part of our goal to encourage career development."

Councilman Bradley lauds Jackson Family



Distribution of Claude R. Jackson Scholarships: (l. to r.) South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley, Scholarship recipients Orville McPherson and Nichollette Barker; Robert R. Jackson (son); Scholarship Recipient Celista Wallace; Mrs. Attorney Jackson (wife); Scholarship Recipient Celeste Ewing; Todd Bowers (daughter); Margaret Roberts (Weasqueak Head Guidance Counselor)

NEWARK — Four deserving Weasqueak High School students were each awarded \$1,000 in college scholarship money from the Claude R. Jackson Family Scholarship, during its first annual presentation, according to South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley. As a salute to the scholarship effort, the Councilman will honor the Jackson family during the upcoming Municipal Council meeting. The scholarships, totaling \$4,000, were given to "students who showed good academic initiative, exhibited a positive attitude towards education and demonstrated financial need," stated Margaret Roberts, the Head Guidance Counselor at Weasqueak. "Weasqueak is deeply appreciative of these scholarship donations, and would love to see more South Ward entrepreneurs take this type of interest in the future of our young people."

Mr. Claude R. Jackson, owner of the Claude R. Jackson Corporation, started the scholarships because he "believes in investing in the young people in the community. When I was coming up," he stated, "I was given support and motivation, and this is my way of turning around and saying thank you. We have always been involved in causes in the community, and after 19 years in business, still take pride in treating our customers with respect. Unlike many inner-city businesses, we offer little convenience services that make their lives easier. We are fortunate to have a little team with which to help others, and plan to continue the scholarships and even do more in the future, if possible."

Councilman Bradley indicated that he has "always been impressed by the involvement Mr. Jackson shows in the community. The Jackson family's scholarship presentations were made by Jackson family members Attorney, his wife, Toni Bowers, his daughter, and Robert R. Jackson, his son—all of whom are active in the business to varying degrees. Mrs. Attorney Jackson emphasized that "we started these scholarships because we feel education is very important for your today, and we encourage it because it is the only thing that will help them in the long run."

Daughter Toni Bowers, who handles administrative details of the business, added, "With the government cutting back on scholarships and funding to different schools, we felt we could help motivated 'B' students who might not be in line for 'A' grade scholarships, yet are just as deserving."

The four scholarship recipients will all attend four year colleges in the Fall 1991 semester. Scholarship recipient, Erica Walker, will attend Virginia State; Celeste Ewing will attend Rutgers; Livingston; Nichollette Barker will attend Caldwell College, and Orville McPherson will attend Rutgers Engineering School in New Brunswick. Each expressed their appreciation for the scholarships in their own way, but the one theme in each sentiment was the fact that they "really needed the money, and were happy the Jackson family chose to help them and their family out with such a generous contribution."

Panasonic kid witness news gala honors urban elementary school students for award-winning videos

NEW YORK — Thirteen teams of inner-city grammar school students from across the country were honored at the Panasonic Kid Witness News "New Vision" Awards Inaugural Gala, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

Hosted by "Cosby" Kid Keith Knight Pulliam, the awards laid outstanding video craftsmanship and social awareness in thirteen subject categories ranging from Best News Segments to Scriptwriting to "New Vision" — increasing social values.

State-of-the-art electronic equipment is provided by corporate sponsors Panasonic and its parent company Matsushita Electric Corporation of America. This equipment constitutes a fully equipped video studio supplied to 100 urban schools for use by video teams consisting of 25 students in 30 cities across the nation.

The Panasonic Kid Witness News program was created in an effort to teach students valuable communications, technological and organizational skills by encouraging development through activities such as researching topics, scripting, reporting, producing, acting and editing video productions based on a variety of topics.

Hailing from a full spectrum of cities such as Atlanta, Washington, DC; Chicago; San Francisco; Portland, OR; Kansas City, MO; Enid, Oklahoma; Tacoma, WA; Denver, CO, semi-finalists competed for top honors in each category. Representatives from each of the finalist PKWN video teams were flown to New York courtesy of Matsushita and Panasonic to receive their awards at the "New Vision" Awards Gala. Five out of the thirteen awards went to schools in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

At a press conference prior to the gala, Akiya Imura, chairman and CEO of Matsushita, expressed high acclaim for Panasonic Kid Witness News and announced a significant program expansion — doubling PKWN from the current 100 participating schools to 200 for the 1991-1992 academic year.

Other highlights of the evening's celebration included appearances by Time/Warner Enterprises President and CEO Bob Putnam, the singing duo of Ashford & Simpson, Emmy Award winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, MacNeil-Lehrer Report (WNET-TV); "Star Search" winners, dance team "Basic Black", two-time "Star Search" winner, singer Raquel Herring, singer Tony Terry and "rapper," songwriter Bobby Daye.

"New Vision" Video Awards National Finalists

Ben View: Monroe Elementary

Monroe Elementary School, Chicago, IL

New Vision: Monroe Elementary

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School, Enid, OK
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Feature News: PS. 64, Ozone Park, Queens, NY

Editorial News: McIlvagh Middle School, Tacoma, WA
Documentary News: PS. 41, Brooklyn, NY

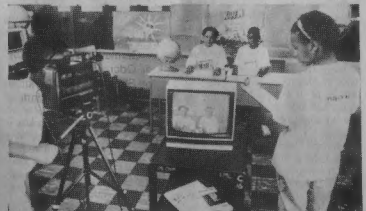
Special Effects: Marcus Garvey Elementary School, Chicago, IL
Public Service Announcement: Marcus Garvey Elementary School, Chicago, IL

Product Endorsement Commercial (Tied for 1st place): Brookland Elementary School, Washington, DC

PS 125 Ralph Bunche School, New York, NY
Set Design: Monroe Middle School, Enid, OK

Costume/Make-up: School #5, Michael Conti School, Jersey City, NJ
Script Writing: Martin Luther King Middle School, Denver, CO

Creative: PS. 22, Jersey City, NJ



Using a state-of-the-art video studio provided by Panasonic Company, sixth graders from the Ralph Bunche School (P.S. 125), New York City, participate in the Panasonic Kid Witness News Program. A nationwide hands-on video education effort, the program teaches organization and communication skills. The students research, write, "shoot," appear in and edit news stories, features, documentaries, editorials, collaborative interviews and a variety of other videos. One hundred schools in 30 cities are taking part in the program in the 1990-91 school year.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK—The historic First Zion Baptist Church, 186 Thomas St. will conduct its 11th ministerial installation services for Rev. Lawrence Ronald Durham at 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

NEWARK—Ecumenical in Nature Unity, Rev. A. D. J. Turner, Evangelist and Founder, will hold its 2nd 20th Annual Evangelistic Summit Conference at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. Public invited.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SOUTH ORANGE—Selon Hall Center for Public Service Plans Fall course on non-discriminatory religious organization management. For further information call (201) 751-9510.

Church opens book store

NEWARK—On Saturday, July 13, 1991, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a building fundraiser and grand opening of Copies of Jesus Books & Gifts at the Open Bible Evangelical Church, 302 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, NJ 07112.

There will also be ongoing concerts featuring the Princeton Ensemble from NYC and the O.B.E.C. Chorus. The appreciated Love Offering is \$10 per adult.

For more information call, Pastor and Founder, Tyrone Sharpe, Sr. at (201) 926-9266.

Community Foundation of New Jersey seeks neighborhood 'Leaders with a Dream'

PASSAJO—Tapping the power of New Jersey's neighborhoods and neighborhood leaders as a force for positive change will be the focus of a new Neighborhood Leadership Initiative announced here by the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Community Foundation president Christine Todd Whitman said the Community Foundation will seek out grassroots leaders from both urban and rural areas across the state and offer training on how to get things done at the local level.

"We are looking for leaders with a dream," she said. "We want people who care about their neighbors and their community, people who have an idea of how to bring about change and just need some help in making that idea a reality."

The Neighborhood Leadership Initiative pilot program hopes to enlist about 30 community leaders from across the state for what is envisioned as a three-year program of training and implementation of small-scale community improvement projects.

Participating in the program is the Department of Community Affairs, which intends to enroll 10-15 individuals from its local Community Action Program.

The Neighborhood Initiative represents a unique, public-private effort to develop one of the most intangible and most important ingredients in a community improvement project. "It's the difference between success and failure in a preservation or rehabilitation initiative. And while they seem at first glance to be simple ingredients in a revitalization program, getting them all together is

no easy matter."

Whitman said the focus of the Initiative is to bring new people into the process of working for positive change.

"This isn't really a program for activists as much as it is a program to develop new activists," she said. "There are a lot of people involved in small, neighborhood organizations who have ideas for change, but who haven't learned the techniques people need to know in order to bring about change. We intend to teach these techniques and then help them put their own knowledge to work."

Applicants selected for the program will be named Community Foundation Fellows. They will receive six to eight months of training on such leadership skills as negotiating, conducting meetings, generating support and cooperation from the neighborhood and interacting with other community leaders and public officials.

Then, working with small stipends from the Foundation and State Department of Community Affairs, the Fellows will begin working to implement a modest community-based project.

"It may be something as simple as cleaning up a local eyesore, or persuading local officials to take some needed action like installing a stop sign," Whitman said. "The real purpose of the program is to teach people how to get these kinds of things done, and how to enlist the cooperation of a neighborhood in working together for positive change."

Applicants for the program should be willing to commit to a training period that includes one or two Friday overnights, followed by an all-day Saturday session and nine additional Saturday sessions, held monthly, Whitman said. The

sessions will be free of all charges to the participants.

The Community Foundation Fellows will be asked to remain active in the program, working with fellow trainees in future sessions of the program.

Whitman said the first-year cost of the program is estimated at \$150,000, including training and grant funding for local programs.

Anyone interested in applying for the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative, or in supporting the program can contact the Community Foundation of New Jersey, P.O. Box 317, Morrisstown, N.J. 07963-0317, or call the Foundation offices at (201) 267-5533.



(L. to r.) Christine Todd Whitman, President Community Foundation of New Jersey; Commissioner Melvin R. Primes, Department of community affairs, State of N.J.; Brandis Davis, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Co-Chairman of Initiative.

Dean Webber gives his final lesson

by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK — Harry Webber, dean of black journalists in New Jersey, met his final deadline last week when he died at age 70.

Contrary to popular belief, Webber was not a native of Newark. Born in Williamsport, Pa., he was a graduate with a B.S. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and was a social worker in New York City's Dept. of Social Services for many years, while moonlighting for black publications.

High school behind him, he came to Newark in 1928 as a representative for the *Pittsburgh Courier* and the *Afro American* newspaper chains. He handled circulation for these papers, became a friendly competitor with local black weeklies getting their start on the eve of a national depression and gradually became absorbed by the local scene.

In his heyday, Harry Webber was a prototype of the news hawks of the 20s and 30s; wearing his felt fedoras at a rakish angle; pad in hand; and a rather wry smile that set him apart from his colleagues.

From circulation manager to investigative reporter was a giant leap Webber took with the cool arrogance of a man who knows his business. And know his business he did, covering some of the most important stories of the decade between the 30s and 40s, always finding a "black angle" to make his reporting spicy and lively. For instance, it was Webber who reported that a black man broke the toes of the baby's death in the famous Lindbergh kidnapping case; and reported the kidnapping of black sailors in the galley when the ocean liner *Morm* sailed into the waters off the shores of Sea Girt; and was on the scene when the German dirigible Hindenburg exploded over Lakeland, N.J. and his coverage of the Archie Callahan story was the first involving a black hero in World War II.

Harry Webber always had a readiness about him and he was a perfectionist of his craft. During a career that lasted almost 70 years,

he was affiliated with papers like the *Norfolk Journal and Guide*, *Chicago Defender* and *New York Age*.

He is best remembered by Newarkers as editor/opinion columnist of the *Guardian, Record* and *N.J. Herald News* publications.

In the late 1940s, he began publication of *After Hours*, a forerunner of news magazines, a format followed later by *Jet Magazine*, a Johnson publication. *After Hours* translated Webber's very sense of humor, particularly his gossip columns that poked fun at the high and mighty in society, business, the professions and local politicians.

Over the years, some of his best friends became the men and women who pioneered in the beauty culture business. In particular, Webber played a significant role in developing the Modern Beauticians, a conglomerate of local cosmeticians who presented a variety of beauty culture shows and cosmeticians to encourage initiative and excellence among blacks in the field.

Webber was part of a special kind of journalistic rat pack that filled the need of New Jersey's black community for access to media that would speak out on issues affecting a growing minority population.

He was affiliated with such pioneering newspaper men and women like the late Oliver "Buts" Brown, Melvin Johnson; Robert (Bob) Queen, recently retired editor of the *N.J. Afro American*; Carl Lawrence (who later joined the staffs of the *American News* and *N.Y. Age*); and New Jersey's first woman of social cover, Sally Cohen. Young and the state's first Lady of Advertising, Ethel Moore Johnson, J. Mercer Burrell, an attorney who preferred moonlighting as a newsman and countless others whose writing skills added to the importance of Newark as a community.

In his later years Webber became a photographer as well as reporter and thus added interest to his weekly column "Jersey Happenings" that appeared in the *N.J. Afro American* for many years.

It is no wonder Harry Webber

was the recipient of many awards and citations in recognition of his long and tireless pursuit of Perfection in journalism and his many services to his adopted community. One of the last was presented earlier this year when the Newark Senior Citizens Commission and senior group directed by Kitty Taylor named him "King of the Year" during the annual King and Queen celebration observed by Newark senior citizens.

The memory of Harry Webber will be etched on the minds of people in Newark for many years to come. His legacy will live on in the talents of the hundreds of young people he recruited and trained as journalists. They include, among others, Debbie Smith, editor of *Perspective Magazine*; Todd Burroughs, reporter for the *Star Ledger*; Lorraine Lavender of East Orange; Marie Homannke; Dr. Evelyn Boykin Darrow and Tiny Prince.

He was catalogued by Rev. John Rulder, associate pastor of Bethany Baptist Church at Woody Home for Services in Orange. This world has been pleasing in the olden days. The unpolished gem of stories about Newark's growing community of black newsmen, featuring the founder of a family business that has been run by three generations of Woody men and women.

And in keeping with one of his wishes, his remains are deposited in the Rosedale Crematory.

Another legacy of interest to journalism scholars is Webber's manuscript on the life and times of Robert Lee Vann, founder and publisher of the *Pittsburgh Courier* for whom Mr. Webber was the official biographer. The unpublished manuscript is on file in Pittsburgh's Carnegie Library.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Bernice (Hatter) a son, Harry G. of California, grandchildren Jovella S. and Chie Tan of Montclair, two cousins, Margaret Adams and Gladys Howell, many colleagues and friends.

After the yellow ribbons...

CRANFORD—Long after the yellow ribbons have come down and community reunion has shifted to other issues, some reuniting troops will have a tough time reintegrating into everyday life after their "day of service in the sand" in the Persian Gulf War.

Research indicates that readjustment to family life generates even more stress than separation and deployment. The Mental Health Association of Union County is now preparing for the troops' mental-emotional readjustments with *After The Yellow Ribbons Come Down: Guide To A Mentally Healthy Reunion*—a booklet providing information on the problems associated with reunion and basic coping skills for handling them.

The free booklet is available by writing or calling the MHA of Union County, 15 Alden Street, Suite 11-14, Cranford, NJ 07016, (908) 272-0300 and the NMHA Information Center, 1021 Penn Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2971.

Letters

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don't want the painting covered. There is a need to correct the many negative racial influences and stereotypes that perplex our environment.

Alas! I'm not condemning anyone black or white for the misdeeds of those in the past, but I am hoping we can — black and white together — relate and work with each other to correct the wrongs of the past that continue to burden us, so we might live together more peacefully in the future.

Rev. Mayor, "Discrimination is a disease" and "an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Please cover or remove this inappropriate artwork from our courtroom.

Rashed Abdul-Haq
Plainfield, NJ

Kudos for Sharpe, boos for Sharpton

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Sharpe James. The renaissance of Newark continues to gain momentum under the leadership of Mayor James. Improvements include land development and construction (including office buildings and colleges), new and renovated housing, coordinated efforts between business, community and government, new theaters, new shopping centers, proposed new performing arts center, economic development and Police efforts to improve relations with residents.

Recognition of Newark's achievements is becoming a common occurrence. The city's recycling program has won many awards. The National Civic League has designated Newark an "All-American City" (a very prestigious honor). The United States Conference of Mayors named Newark the winner of its competition to honor America's most livable city (largely due to what it termed its "true renaissance").

Sharpe James has just demonstrated, once more, the competent and fair-minded manner in which he runs his city. I am referring to the tragic, fatal shooting of two people who were in a stolen van that crashed into a police car. As expected, Rev. A. D. J. Turner, the notorious New York looting monger, came to Newark to do what he can to exploit racial tensions by "throwing fuel on the fire." Sharpton's most memorable performance occurred in 1988 when a teenager

attempted to cover-up (from her mother) how she spent her weekend by fabricating a tale of rape, kidnapping and physical abuse by some white men. Although the girl was obviously lying, Rev. Sharpton and his usual enourage of activist attorneys and community trouble maker supported her story fully until the facts made it impossible for them to continue.

In every black vs. white controversy Rev. Sharpton finds the white person or persons guilty, even prior to his learning any of the details involved. He has forfeited all credibility but thanks to the news media he is permitted to continue "fanning the flames" of racial unrest wherever and whenever he can.

In an attempt to be fair to all concerned about this latest incident Mayor Sharpe James agreed to a private meeting in his office with the slain girl's mother and Rev. Sharpton. When Sharpton showed up with his usual enourage of attorneys, activists etc. the mayor refused to meet with him, stating that he did not want to promote a "circus-like atmosphere." Do Newark's residents think he is a just Mayor? Count the votes on Election Day.

Maurice Feinich
Union, NJ

The nightmare is over

Dear Editor:

Several years ago you were kind enough to do a story on the problems we encountered as first-time homebuyers. Our home (in Plainfield) had become a terrible nightmare due to the condition of the property had been left in by the builder.

After tears of struggle and back breaking work, undertaken thank by us, I'm happy to say the nightmare is over. Our property is now as we envisioned it so long ago and continually improving. I'm writing to let you know since Mrs. White of Sterling Creations speaks of your kindness in inquiring about us.

Please feel free to stop by and enjoy the results. We are always happy to share our garden, whether with perfect strangers who ring our doorbell asking for permission to see the rose garden, the previous mayor's wife who would come annually to view the transformation, our neighbor or

old friends such as yourself.

Miriam Warlich
Plainfield, NJ

Classified Intelligence Agency?

Dear Editor:

Ronald Reagan now admits the 1980 Reagan/Bush Campaign was involved in a secret deal with Iran and the Khmerist over the fate of our U.S. hostages there.

Not to delay restatage the hostages and cost Carter the election, heinous as I did some things actually the other way to try and to help in getting them out of there. "Don't you love the man?"

Pressed for details, Reagan said, "I can't get into details. Some of those things are still classified." But, wait a minute. Classified? Neither Reagan nor George Bush, he formerly (?) of the CIA, held public office at the time. Even President Carter is calling for an investigation.

Which begs the question, "classified" by whom?

David Dixon
Marmora, NJ

A Saga of Errors

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Commissioner of County and regional services, in a statement the day after. Besides, "It would be inappropriate for Commissioner John Ellis to mix with the board at this time in the process," Persi added.

When the state takes over a local school district, under the statute the school board is immediately dismantled and other top administrators are removed. A state district superintendent is appointed to direct the operation of the district. Within 60 days of the creation of the state-administered district, an advisory board of 15, made up of representatives of the community, is appointed.

It is concerned about local control and community input, said School Board President Donna Bishard, offering an explanation of the board's motivation in making the proposal. However, the perception held by some apparently was a self-serving deal excluding Superintendent

Napier. "The public has been telling us they don't want to be disenfranchised," Brighton added.

Yet, whatever community activity related to the school situation, either for or against, an observer has not been able to measure its significance. Still, if the community's feelings can perhaps be somewhat determined from votes cast during last year's mayoral election there were, Mayor William J. Pascrell Jr., the latest winner, is its de facto spokesman. When asked during an interview on Radio Station WPAT Sunday Morning News Conference, what was his position concerning the impending state takeover, I wish they had come yesterday," Mayor Pascrell replied.

The votes carrying the resolution were not unanimous. Commissioners Juan Santana Jr. and William J. Mosca both dissented. Approving the resolution were commissioners Brianham, James Baines, Vice Pres., Anna Maria

Vancheri, Anthony Vancheri, Elaine C. Harrington, Jeanne Sanford and Roger Edmonds.

"I don't like to give up, but sometimes you have to face reality. The board was part of the problem," said Santana, as he was booed and hissed from the audience and received gestures of ridicule from some board members. With Persi's expeditious rejection of the board's resolution, Santana likely has found a measure of comfort in this position.

But a trustee who voiced with the majority, who prefers anonymity in comments to an observer, expressed agreement with Santana, saying also that colleagues on the board have reluctantly resigning to a state-operated district as an inevitability.

The seeming saga continues until it comes before an administrative law judge who will hear it recounted by representatives of the state Department of Education

CITY LIFE

East Orange
July 4th
Events

East Orange will kick-off another Independence Day celebration with an evening of entertainment, fireworks and fun for the young and the young-at-heart at Marlene Stadium in East Orange on Thursday, July 4.

This year's theme is "Oldies But Goodies" as we pay tribute to the sounds of yesteryear with performances by The Persuasions, The Marcels, The Chantels and the Homicide Division, a rap group.

Additional entertainment will be provided by local talent including a performance by Clifford J. Scott High School student Nicole Moore singing the Star Spangled Banner, a fashion show presentation by Cinnamon & Gold and a demonstration by the Aviation Explorers directed by Reverend Russell White.

"This year's celebration includes performances by groups that will entertain all July 4th fun seekers," said Mayor Corbett. "We invite everyone to enjoy the fun we have planned for Independence Day."

The evening will be capped off with a spectacular fireworks presentation beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and showtime is 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.

'Summer Concert Series' at Washington Park

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) today announced a free Summer Concert series, featuring the likes of Sun Ra and His Arkestra, Dave Valentin, Crossing Point, Giacomo Gates & Trio and Irene Reid, scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays, July through August, in Washington Park, Broad Street.

The DORCA officials noted that, for lunch-time concert-goers, the Wednesday concerts will start at 12:30 p.m., while Friday performances for the after-work crowd will begin at 6 p.m.

Mayor Sharpe James gave his support to the summer concert series which is being co-sponsored by WBGO/Jazz 88 Radio (88.3 FM) with partial funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Community Development Block Grant funds.

"The summer concerts are simply an outstanding offering of excellent performers, with diverse cultural and artistic styles," James said. "I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the beautiful music in Washington Park."

Celeste Bateman Mangum, DORCA cultural affairs supervisor, concurred. "We have really tried to provide a wide range of musical tastes. There is something for almost everybody. I think the public will be pleased."

Mangum said, for July, the following is the line-up and schedule for the concert series: Michael Edon & His Garden of Jazz Sextet, Wednesday, July 10, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); Sun Ra & His Arkestra, Friday, July 12, 6 p.m. (rain date set for Friday, July 19); the Vic Juris Quintet, Wednesday, July 17, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); Giacomo Gates & Trio, Wednesday, July 24, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); Irene Reid & Company, Friday, July 26, 6 p.m. (rain date scheduled for Friday, August 2); the Joe Ford Quintet, Wednesday, July 31, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced).

For August, the schedule continues with the Opera Music Theatre International, Wednesday, August 7, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); Latin flautist, Dave Valentin, Friday, August 9, 6 p.m. (rain date set for Friday, August 16); the Lou Grassi Quintet, Wednesday, August 14, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); the group Crossing Point, Wednesday, August 21, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced); Jerry Gonzalez & His Fort Apache Band, Friday, August 23, 6 p.m. (rain date scheduled for Friday, August 30); and Mark Morganelli & the Jazz Forum All-Stars, Wednesday, August 28, 12:30 p.m. (rain date to be announced).

The performances in the park will close with a Hispanic Mini-Festival, 12 noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 14, Mangum added.

In addition, she said that starting in October, the Newark Jazz Festival, Inc., will present the first annual "Sarah Vaughan Jazz Festival at Newark." The festival was established to celebrate the legacy of the late, Ms. Vaughan, the "Divine One," and Newark's outstanding jazz heritage and renaissance as New Jersey's "premier cultural mecca," Mangum noted.

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Black
Film
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Library

The 17th Annual Newark Black Film Festival will include Special Films for Children, which will be shown alternately in both The Newark Public Library and The Newark Museum.

The Library is scheduled to show the films on four Mondays in July — July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 22 — in the fourth floor Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

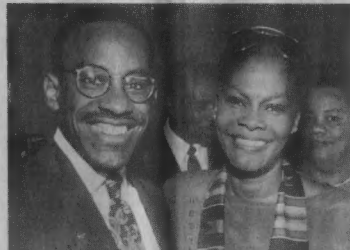
The July 1st program features "African-American 'Tales' recommended for children ages 4-10. The July 8th 'Films for and About Children,' are recommended for children 10 and over. They include three short films: *KODIA* (Kala Only Detective Agency), *Picking Tribes*, a semi-automated short, and *Chantel's Choice*, planned and enacted by West African High School seniors telling of their life in Burkina Faso. The July 15th program 'About Africa' includes three films featuring young Africans. The final program on July 22 will present the entire 1963 film *Kill a Mockingbird*.

The same programs will be offered in The Newark Museum on Wednesdays. For information telephone 733-7797.

Warwick returns to Alma Mater

EAST ORANGE — Songstress Dionne Warwick returned to her alma mater, East Orange High School, for its centennial celebration and graduation ceremonies, using the occasion to challenge this year's graduating class to resist peer pressure and be the best they can be in life.

After the graduation ceremony, Warwick took a tour of her old high school and participated in a centennial ceremony there. School district officials, along with alumni and the new graduates, formally named the auditorium after Warwick, where she graduated 32 years ago.



Shown with Dionne Warwick is Leroy Jones, East Orange treasurer and Essex County Freshfields. photo by Glen Fritts

Teenage girl slain

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"I'm still in a fog. I'm numb. It's like someone's gonna wake me up and tell me it's a dream," said a devastated Sharon Mayse.

Mrs. Mayse's account of the event began when Tasha Mayse left her grandmother's house located on South 14th Street in Newark at approximately 1:20 a.m., with a friend. Their intentions were to get something to eat.

Some time during their walk they encountered the silver gray astro van and they were asked by a friend if they wanted a ride. "If my daughter knew the van was stolen she never would have gotten in," asserted Mrs. Mayse.

Police have disclosed that a total of 30 bullets were fired into the van with Tasha being shot three times.

But Mrs. Mayse and family agreed, Saiaum Ismail counted a total of 45 bullet holes in the van when they visited the incident site and viewed her body where they counted eight bullet holes in

Tasha's body.

"Every time I close my eyes all I can see is my daughter with the bullet hole in her forehead," Mrs. Mayse added that her son, 14-year-old Laquise still wakes up screaming Tasha's name. "His only question is why did they kill my sister?" said a sad, but angry Mrs. Mayse.

In response to the issue of the stolen van, Mrs. Mayse said that she firmly believes that wrong actions warrant appropriate punishment, but firing 43 bullets into a van whose occupants never fired back was not punishment, it was murder.

The mother of the slain teenager said that Newark Mayor Sharpe James acted irresponsibly and she also said that she wants James to assign the police who were involved with her daughter's death to death positions. "They should be allowed to walk around freely with their guns," she said. "Right now I'm disgusted. I know there are some good ones but every time I see an

officer I wonder, 'is that the one that killed my daughter?'"

"They're not protecting us, they're killing us. They mistreated my daughter and could-have-been granddaughters," said an outraged Mayse.

Laquise recalls his reaction to the shocking news of his sister's death. After spending an afternoon at the movies with teachers and friends, he returned home from the movies and was informed of his sister's death. "At first I didn't believe it. I wanted to go see," he said. "He recalls the flood of tears that rushed to his eyes as he began to throw things in his room."

"It's sad and lonely," said Laquise as he described the loneliness without her. "I think about her all the time. I can't stop thinking about her. I think about her all the time. I can't stop thinking about her. Her room is clean but she hasn't been in it."

"I can't be with her. I can't

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'Boyz N The Hood' coming soon

LOS ANGELES—"Boyz N The Hood," a powerful drama about coming of age in black urban America, marks the feature film directorial and screen writing of 23-year-old John Singleton. It tells a poignant story about a community where Singleton was raised: of three friends growing up in a South Central Los Angeles neighborhood and of street life where friendship, pain, danger and love combine to form reality.

The film produced by Steve Nicodolides stars Larry Fishburne ("King of New York," "School Daze") as Furious Styles, Cuba Gooding, Jr. plays Tre, Furious' son, and rap recording artist Ice Cube makes his acting debut as Dough Boy, one of Tre's longtime friends.

"The film has a lot of messages in it," Singleton says, "but my main message is that African-American men have to take more responsibility for raising their children, especially their boys."



Cuba Gooding (left), portrays Tre and rapper Ice Cube (right) makes his acting debut as Dough Boy in 'Boyz in the Hood.'

Fathers have to teach their boys to be men. The audience will be able to see the direction that the characters take when there is an ab-

sence or presence of fathers in their lives. Look for *Boyz in the Hood*, coming to a theatre near you.

Bold educational alternatives

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intention for educational excellence felt throughout Wisconsin, and the shock waves are shaking the nation.

As a result of a bill she ushered into law a year ago, hundreds of disadvantaged inner-city children are now going to select inner-city private schools which, according to Williams, have a two decade track record of success.

The provision of her bill that made this move possible is a voucher system by which the State of Wisconsin gives \$2309 for the education of each child that is taken out of public school and put into a private school. She pushed the bill through the Wisconsin legislature with an unusual coalition of African-Americans, conservative Democrats, and Republicans. It has been called an "education choice" bill as it gives the parents a choice as to what school their children attend.

"The parents love the program," Rep. Williams stated that the new system is cost-effective as well. "These private schools are educating those kids for less than half of what we're paying the public schools in the city to fail them," she said. "The Milwaukee [public] school system spends \$6,000 per student per year."

"I feel a real responsibility for the children in this state," she said. "We are supposed to be looking out for our children, but some people can't see that the children are our future. What is our future if it's not our children?"

"Once the parents see that their kids can learn and are learning, then other parents will also become interested. I think they will have to expand the program," he said.

Williams agrees. "I think the education choice program is going to grow and expand. These parents are never going to go back to the way they were before."

According to official figures put out by the Milwaukee School System, high schools in the city have a drop-out rate of nearly 15%. Williams fears such statistics may condemn many black and Hispanic children to a permanent American underclass.

"Why do we tolerate this?" she asks. "Most people would complain angrily if they bought a car and it was a lemon. They would forcefully demand that the car be repaired or that they get it refund. Yet, when the schools don't educate our children, we just accept it and do nothing. We wake tomorrow from the public school system when we would never do that with

any other product we paid for."

The determined legislator has garnered wide-ranging support for her drive for effective education. Patrick Griffin, Professor of Education at San Diego University and a leading education expert, noted "Once parents are given choice where to send their children to school, the whole edifice of non-accountability [of the public school system] falls."

African-American minister Dr. Cedric Daniels, pastor of the fastest growing congregations in Milwaukee and a strong supporter of Rep. Williams, agrees. "When a person knows they have to earn their pay, they become more accountable and more receptive to the people they are supposed to be serving," he said. "Choice is saying we will take charge of our destiny and we are going to make people accountable for educating our kids."

Rep. Williams' interest in education began nearly 20 years ago when she worked in poverty programs in Milwaukee and learned firsthand of the misery felt by many of the city's poor and disadvantaged families. In 1972, when her cousin Monroe Swan became Wisconsin's 1st African-American state senator, she developed his education platform.

City of Newark sponsors tours

NEWARK—Newark, the nation's third oldest major city will continue to mark its 375th birthday year with a series of monthly guided tours throughout the City. The series is being conducted by the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee.

The second of the tours, "Tour the Ironbound" will be held on Sunday, July 14, at 1 p.m. and will leave from the information booth of Newark's Penn Station.

Mr. Lucky Intrigues

PLAINFIELD—You are in for a big surprise if you go to see *Intrigue*, a fashion division of MLR Enterprises, and expect to watch typical models doing typical run-way modeling. They don't just walk. They act and dance in what some might call a "musical-play fashion show." Each performance has a concept, plot and lots of action. This year's show (*Intrigue's* 4th Annual Showcase) stars *Intrigue* in "Time Travel," a magical journey through time and fashions. "Time Travel" also fea-

tures a gospel pro-show, sit-down dinner, games, prizes, other musical and performing entertainment, vendors, and a whole lot of fun. MLR Enterprises continues to produce "Broadway" entertainment at a local cost. Tickets are \$32.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. Door admission is not guaranteed. Seats are limited. Sunday, July 21, 1991 at the Westwood in Garwood, N.J. Showtime: 1:00 pm; Showtime: Dinner at 1:30 pm; For reservations call (908) 287-1261.

The outing, led by Richard Peters, the director of the Ironbound Educational and Cultural Center, will be a walking tour through the Ironbound section of Newark with stops at shops, bakeries, and restaurants.

The tour will feature a visit to the former Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, undergoing a dramatic rehabilitation to house a museum and performing site for the Ironbound Educational and

Cultural Center.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James has urged both residents and visitors to take advantage of the historic and informative tours of the state's largest and premier city. "Newark is in the midst of a major renaissance of which we are all a part. The Ironbound section of Newark is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city and I invite you to come and enjoy and experience the culturally rich environment established here many years ago by the Irish, Germans, Italians, Polish, and Portuguese immigrants."

The next tour, "Tour of Forest Hill" will take place, August 11. The tour of the elegant Forest Hill section of Newark will be a walking tour through one of Newark's finest neighborhoods. Established at the turn of the century, the area maintains a wonderful collection of homes with various forms of architecture.

The cost of each tour is \$5 and reservations are needed. Please call 622-4940 for reservations and further information.

CITY BUSINESS

Profit from the Experience

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Black Americans continue still don't respect. Can it be that we really aren't looking for more?

In the automotive marketplace we could throw our weight around because we buy fairly 12 percent of all new vehicles purchased in America. But our lack of consumer clout becomes evident when it is noted that we buy 1 of every 5 Japanese-produced cars on the market. African-American support foreign car makers in droves, but it is questionable as to whether we profit in any way from the experience. Although most automotive experts will tell us that we get a good ride when we buy Japanese-produced cars, the basic consumer fact that blacks have to address among ourselves is, "are we just being taken for a ride?"

How much reciprocity do African-Americans get when we buy foreign made products? Do we get jobs in their plants or offices? Do our purchases create opportunities for us in the way of inner-city dealerships? How many supplier contracts have purchases of 20 percent of the Japanese cars gotten any of us from say, Toyota, Mitsubishi or Mazda? And when was the last time you saw a Japanese car maker's ad in a black newspaper, or had any of our community groups benefit from their philanthropy, and "good citizen" efforts? For us to live and prosper, we need to have a fair exchange of jobs and career and business opportunities and the bottom line indicates that we are not profiting from our consumer experiences with Japanese, or for that matter European car makers.

Detroit's auto makers are reeling from lack of domestic sales and support. The Big Three, who hired many of our fathers and uncles in the 40s and 50s, have lost an incredible 4.7 billion bucks in the last two reporting quarters. Unless things change Ford, Chrysler and General Motors may be out for the count. Black Americans would probably do well to remember that Motown not only gave us was and records, but the type of jobs and training that helped millions of blacks during the past three decades get "two cars and a chicken in every pot." Now that the Big Three have fallen on hard times, as a group still seeking full participation in the American society, we need to recognize that based on our purchasing habits we are a

part of the recessionary problem.

Of course the U.S. auto industry has been affected by more than a lack of African-American brand loyalty. For years the Japanese have built better cars than Ford, GM, or Chrysler. But the Big Three have invested over \$170 billion in improving productivity and quality in the last decade. In 1981, the number of defects per U.S. vehicle was four times the Japanese average. Today the difference between the U.S. defect rate of 1.6 per car and Japanese rate of 1.2 defects per car is negligible. In trying to compete pound for pound in the international automotive marketplace, Detroit got the message and profited from their experiences of the 80s.

Black Americans have little profit, or respect, to show from

their automotive consumer experiences. Unemployment has reached 16 percent in the domestic auto industry, and there are 175,000 less jobs for our nieces and nephews. Profits from foreign cars are repatriated back to that country, leaving our inner-cities still lacking American or foreign investments. And auto parts and suppliers come from abroad, causing us, and whites, to miss out on a major segment of revenues associated with automotive manufacturing. Will blacks ever realize that we can get more bang for our buck than we can at the hulk box? Our actions will be the only way show.

African culture and heritage stressed in business relations

NEW YORK — Relationships among Africans globally are improving. A direct result of these improvements are an enhanced appreciation and greater love for African heritage, land and culture.

Cultural connections to the "Motherland" are visibly on the rise, as events highlighting African culture and traditions are taking place in ever increasing numbers.

Nigeria, the largest country in Africa, will celebrate the 31st Anniversary of the nation's independence on October 1, 1991. In recognition of the historic occasion, Tony Abulu, President and Publisher of Black Ivory Magazine, is spearheading plans for a major African concert to take place at the World Famous Apollo Theatre, bastion of culture for Africans in America.

Mr. Abulu who is Nigerian, recently submitted a proposal to Chief Alex Akindele, Honorable Minister of Information for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to co-host the upcoming cultural extravaganza. During his most recent visit to this country, Chief Akindele, a high ranking government official appeared on Imhotep Gary Byrd's "Global Black Experience" broadcast live from the Apollo, on WLBI AM radio. In a discussion concerning the African personality, rediscovery and the reunification of Africans throughout the diaspora, Chief Akindele adequately summarized the essence of his almost two hour appearance at the Apollo, when he concluded "There is a unifying factor between all Africans wherever they may be."

It is the goal of Mr. Abulu and others who are involved in the planning of the special event, to bring together distinguished Africans from Nigeria, the U.S., the Caribbean and the world community, to share in the celebration of the 31st Anniversary of Nigeria's Independence. Abulu is hoping to highlight the event with a special address to the African American community from Nigeria's President, His Excellency Ibrahim Babangida, via direct Satellite from Nigeria.

Black newspapers challenged

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Ms. Taylor complimented the publishers on the "good looking newspapers I see here," as she added "but you must do a better job of providing information to your people... Define your mission, your purpose. Without it, you can become an enemy of your people... Once you begin to use your position for self-promotion and political gain..." However, she recommended that the publishers use militant tactics to share in the nation's corporate structure and "3300 billion black market potential" by forming groups to boycott merchants who don't advertise in the black press.

Speaking on the same day, Congressman William Gray announced his plan to resign from Congress to become president of the United Negro College Fund.

Gray told the publishers "I suppose I shook up a lot of people by doing something you never heard of before... leaving the bright lights and summit of white power to return to the waters of the black experience to help raise money to help another generation of black Americans rise in our society in this hard time of economic competition, limited resources and subtle racism." Earlier he declared that "despite Bill Gray (as Democratic majority whip), Doug Wilder (Virginia governor), David Dinkins (New York mayor) and Maynard Jackson (Atlanta mayor), we must face the reality that we must maintain our institutions, so that others can join us and we can continue to climb..."

The congressman appeared obviously irritated by the continued questions and skepticism about why and when he decided to resign

from the most powerful political role ever held by a black politician. "I did it when I made the announcement," he declared finally.

Gray was introduced at the congressional luncheon by Robert W. (Bob) Bogle, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune who was elected NNPA president to succeed Thomas Watkins, publisher of the New York Daily Challenge. The only other new NNPA officer elected was John B. Smith, Atlanta Inquirer publisher, chosen as second vice-president. Dallas Weekly publisher James A. Washington and Macon (GA) Courier publisher Melvyn J. Williams were added to the 1991-92 board of directors.

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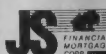
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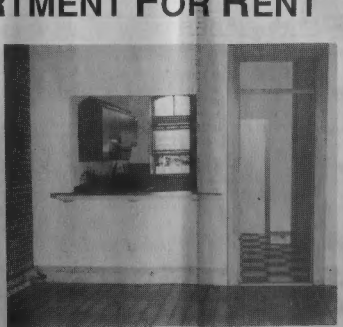
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SPORTS

A VIEW FROM THE SIDE LINE

With Anderson, Nets choose excitement over versatility



by Fern Taylor

Do you like the Nets' pick of Georgia Tech's Kenny Anderson over Syracuse's Billy Owens? Or do you just get a kick on how clean and sharply dressed the brothers get come NBA Draft day? David Stern and the NBA must be applauded for its programs and initiatives which make it the classiest and most lucrative of all professional sports. And dressing like it.

Anyway, back to this Anderson-Owens thing. The New Yorkers loved it. The New Jerseans had mixed feelings. Without a doubt, I thought they should pick Owens, but I was pulling hard for Kenny Anderson to wear that funny aqua and red Nets uniform. Why Anderson? Well, if you've ever been to East Rutherford, NJ and Brendan Byrne Arena to see a Nets game against anybody except the Knicks, you know why. After a while, paying good money for a nice nap in a folded seat gets old quick.

The Meadowlands is the most boring place to watch a basketball game when the Nets play. Getting Derrick Coleman helped a bit—I only took half a nap last year when I saw them against Houston—but they needed more umph, more flash and dash, more some-

thing.

That's why I was pulling for Anderson, the local 20-year-old from Arch Bishop Molloy High in Quocens, even though Owens was probably the better pick. For excitement's sake, I think the Nets basketball braintrust—Willis Reed, Bill Fitch, Joe Taub—after weighing all the basketball factors, chose Mr. Showtime over Mr. Versatility. They knew they could move towards becoming a winning team with either Owens or Anderson. But with Anderson, they have a better chance of becoming an exciting, fun to watch, basketball team that can compete with new Knick coach Pat Riley and his brand of Showtime on the Hudson.

If you look closely, passing on Owens hurts, but not that much.

The Nets don't have a bad front line. You've got Coleman,

Chris Morris (when he wants to play, he can play) and Sam Bowie. Fitch likes Jud Buechler and Derrick Gervin backing up Morris and playing some at the 2-guard. Plus they've got Reggie Theus and Drazen Petrovic to get some quick points, and Mookie Blaylock who can shoot it and pass it. More importantly, they started to develop some much needed team chemistry.

Anderson will fit in nicely as a starter or coming off the bench—nah, he'll be starting after a few games. Anyway, Blaylock can play some "2" and there is talk about them moving on to Italy for about \$3 million a year. Playing Anderson and Blaylock together wouldn't be so bad—in today's game the 1- and 2-guard spots are more interchangeable than ever (see Dumars-Thomson).

Now to the Knicks pick of UNLV's Greg Anthony. I love it.

The best pick would have been Anthony's teammate, Stacey Augmon, because the Knicks need a small forward in the worst way. But since the Knicks won't keep all three (Maurice Cheeks and Mark Jackson are the incumbents), then needed another good point guard. If they keep Blunk (and they should—Pat wants him), you'll have two guards who should be around for a while.

Can anyone doubt, the point guard position is now the most glamorous position in basketball today? What about Michael Jordan, you say? Even Michael is at his most dangerous with the ball in his hands as a point guard in the open floor, where he becomes twice as lethal with his ability to either swish or dish.

That's why both the Knicks and Nets went with point guards. I can't wait until October. Should be fun.

Black newspapers challenged

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con: Andrew W. Cooper, the City Sun (NY); Frances Murphy Draper, Afro American Newspaper Group; William Galt, Chicago Citizen Newspaper Corporation; Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, The Reporter Publications (Calif); John H. Holoman (Los Angeles) Herald

Dispatch and Dr. Ruth Love, California Voice.

Office re-elected included, convention coordinator Sonny Messiah, Houston Defender, first vice-president, Dorothy Leavell, Chicago New Crusader, treasurer, and Jane E. Woods, St. Louis Metro Sentinel, secretary.

At the annual awards banquet, Mr. Messiah was named NNPA Publisher of the Year and the Advertising and Marketing Award was presented to Coca-Cola USA. Publications cited for General Excellence were: The Michigan Chronicle (1), Miami Times (2) and Jackson Advocate (3).

Teenage girl, baby slain

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talk to her. I can't ask her for advice, my big sister isn't here anymore," he said as he quickly wipes away a tear from his left eye.

He said with an innocent tone: "She looked like me. She has respect. She never got into any trouble."

Later that day, the Mayse family, Reverend Al Sharpton, Ismail who is also President of the United Youth Council Inc. of Elizabeth and Shaheed Watson: Chairman of the Trenton-based Grassroots Movement and 200 supporters gathered in the auditorium of PS-175 in Harlem on West 134th Street. They rallied to show their support for the Mayse family.

Sharpton told the crowd, "They took us from our homeland and robbed us of our religion and we still didn't shoot their babies. What makes them think we will accept this?" The controversial preacher added, "We will do whatever is necessary for somebody to pay for the lives of Lamont Russell Jones and Tasha Mayse. To hell with being polite, ain't nothing polite about 43 bullets in a van."

Sharpton denounced James and questioned the need for a black mayor who is "a house nigger to sit in office if policeman can shoot people in the streets?" Mrs. Mayse called for respect of black children by the police

department saying that she would use whatever possible means to insure that the incident does not happen again. "We have to teach people how to treat us. If they continue to kill off our children, who is going to do the things we need done?" she said.

"I will not rest without some justice. I don't know about y'all, but I'm going to stand, walk, or crawl and I'll do whatever I have to do by any means necessary," she proclaimed.

Ismail told the audience that African-Americans must use the tactics that we used in the 60s. We have to use some of Al Sharpton's tactics even if we don't agree—it works."

Ismail called on African-Americans to challenge business, churches and community leaders. "We have to become intellectual thinkers. Let's stop talking and do some work," he stated.

Watson said that the police "took it upon themselves to be judge, jury, and executor."

The police should be charged with first degree murder for Lamont Russell Jones and two counts of murder for Tasha Mayse and her unborn child, stressed Watson.

The Trenton community activist said that it is unfortunate that the NAACP and the Urban League of New Jersey chapters have not taken a position on the incident.

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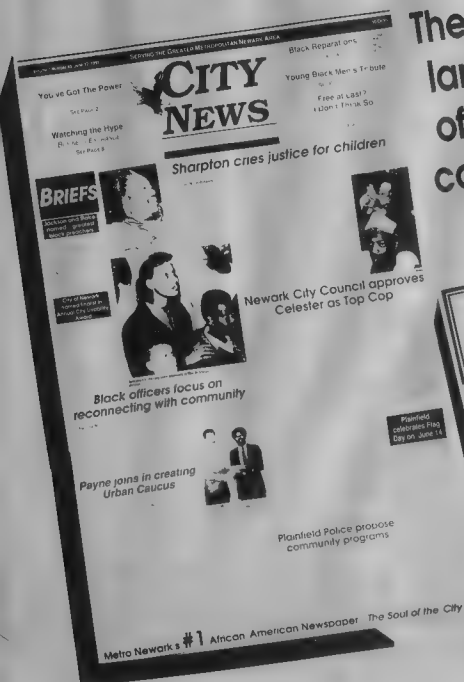
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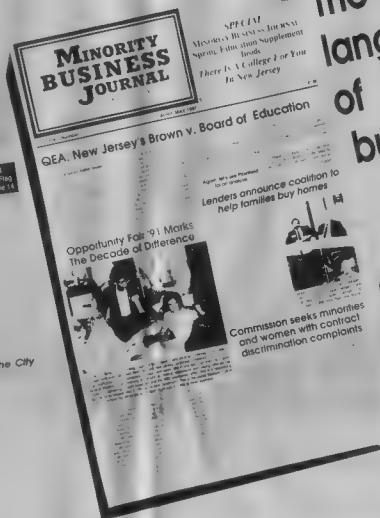
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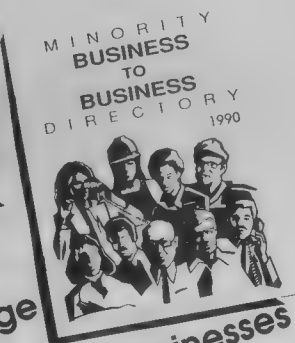
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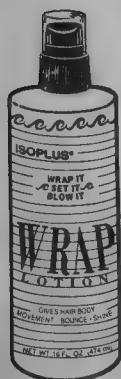
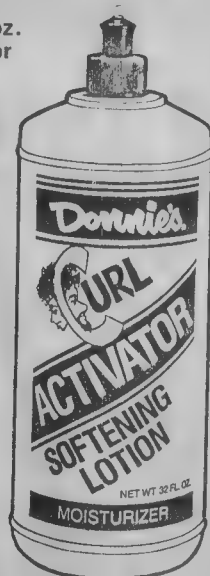
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We thank Gov. Jim Florio for his recognition of this salute. We

also thank the State Assembly and State Senators who responded with resolutions and some with special messages, as well as the mayors who sent proclamations.

We thank The Southland Corporation and its 7-Eleven Stores for being the major sponsor of this salute. We especially thank Robert Cozens, sales and promotions manager and Jeanne Hitchcock, manager of urban affairs for their cooperation and support. We also thank Newark Mayor Sharpe James for his support and for being the lead city to proclaim June 30 through July 6 in honor of black men and women in the Armed Forces.

In putting together this special salute, we witnessed the love, respect, and pride members of the community have for the black men and women who served in the armed forces. We truly appreciate the response to this issue we received from all areas of the community. We especially appreciate the cooperation and support we received from the many veterans who contributed personal photographs for this issue and who shared their stories with us.

We thank the many individuals and organizations for their support, especially the New Jersey Daughters of the Elks and



Henry Calvin Mason

World War I Veteran

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We also wish to thank the many businesses that volunteered to collect patrons' names allowing the general public a chance to say "Thanks."

This special salute is more than a collection of pictures and stories. It represents a collaboration of spirit and love for black men and women who are important contributors to America's great history.

"**S**alute to America's Heroes" is truly a collector's item. We hope that children throughout New Jersey will read this special salute so they will never have to question or doubt the patriotism of Black American men and women.

Equally important is a personal opportunity to thank men and women war veterans like my Grandfather, Henry Calvin Mason, pictured here, for their outstanding examples and bravery.

It is to you, New Jersey's Black War Veterans that we dedicate this special supplement of *CITY NEWS*. We honor and salute you.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1991

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On July 4, 1776, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, our Nation's Founders boldly declared America's Independence and affirmed the truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." They did so knowing that they risked nothing less than their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. On this occasion, we celebrate that profound act of faith and courage and give thanks for the rich legacy of freedom that this country has enjoyed ever since.

That legacy has enabled us to enjoy unparalleled levels of security and prosperity, and it has inspired millions of people around the world in their own struggles for liberty and self-government. Thus, every picnic and parade; every backyard barbecue and public display of fireworks that makes the Fourth of July a favorite summer holiday carries deeper symbolism and meaning. Each resonates with the singular joy of a free people.

This year we are particularly grateful for the blessings of liberty because we have been reminded of the price that many brave and selfless individuals have been willing to pay to secure them. Just months ago, when forces led by a brutal tyrant invaded a small, defenseless country — raping, pillaging, and threatening not only the stability of an entire region but also vital interests of all freedom-loving peoples — thousands of courageous Americans answered the call of duty. Our celebration of Independence Day, 1991, is dedicated in a special way to them — to the regulars, reservists, National Guardsmen, and members of the United States Merchant Marine who helped to liberate Kuwait.

Of course, as we honor our Persian Gulf veterans, we also remember in prayer each of their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. We salute with great pride and gratitude the military personnel who offered vital support for our mission from bases here at home and around the world, and we pay due tribute to all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Americans who fought tyranny and lawlessness in the Persian Gulf have upheld, once again, the principles that were first affirmed on these shores 215 years ago when our Nation's Founders elected "between submission or the sword." On this Independence Day — a day marked by triumphant homecomings and by the promise of a safer, more peaceful world — it is fitting that we recall the words that Thomas Jefferson wrote shortly before his death on July 4, 1826:

All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man . . . These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby ask all Americans to join in celebrating this 215th anniversary of our Nation's Independence with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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DESERT STORM VETERANS OF NEW JERSEY

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I thank each of you who served in Operation DESERT STORM for your dedicated, selfless service to our great Nation. The success of the Persian Gulf War is attributed to you -- and those standing guard around the world -- who willingly sacrificed their personal safety and comfort to defend the principles of freedom and democracy that all Americans hold so dear.

The soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen who deployed to Southwest Asia were the best equipped, best led and best trained group of warriors this country has ever sent forth in harm's way. Using the joint and combined elements of military power, they won a great victory. Our Armed Forces accomplished its mission and set Kuwait free from the tyranny of a brutal dictator.

I also take this opportunity to thank each of you who supported our men and women overseas -- with prayers, cookies, and letters from home. You were just as important to the victory as was our equipment and training. Through your support, the morale and fighting spirit of our troops were maintained so they could achieve their purposes and aims.

My congratulations and appreciation to each and every one of you for a job well done. I could not be more proud of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces than I am today. You, the veterans of DESERT STORM, have written a new chapter in our Nation's history.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

COLIN L. POWELL
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff





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Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Black men and women have a long and distinguished history of military service in defense of their homeland and democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Black soldiers, often in the face of adverse conditions, have answered the clarion call for service; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation's many wars, from the Revolutionary War to Operation Desert Storm, New Jersey's Black soldiers have been recognized for their heroism in battle; and

WHEREAS, Black women, who for the longest time also shouldered the ideals of democracy, have made important contributions to this nation's military efforts; and

WHEREAS, through their services as fighting men and women, Black New Jersey veterans have helped open the doors of opportunity for members of their race and other residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, over the many years Black veterans, once they were mustered out of service, continued to make important contributions to the educational, cultural and economic prosperity of the Garden State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM FLORIO, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

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Viet Vet recalls 'Walking Death'

by Terri Guess with Toni T. Ross

The Vietnam War has become known as one of the most traumatic conflicts in this nation's history. The participants in the war were emotionally devastated from their experiences in Guerrilla Warfare.

Almost twenty years after the war ended, it has continued to effect the veterans psychologically, some more than others.

"It is very hard for me to talk about many of my experiences. A lot of them have been totally blacked

out," said Louis Hickman, a Marine Viet Nam Veteran.

Hickman, a member of the 8th Marine Unit at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina joined the military soon after he graduated from high school in 1964. He left for Viet Nam with the first Marine Division later that year.

Like many men and woman who join the service, Hickman wanted to continue his education and have the opportunity to travel.

Initially, he wanted to join the Air Force and become a pilot but Hickman was accidentally enlisted in the Marines.

After basic training, Hickman along with his unit and about 10,000 men began their 21-day voyage across the Pacific to Vietnam, South East Asia.

"The marines were sent in once the government realized the tactics used by the Army in World War II were not useful in Nam," said Hickman.

I think this is the only place where you have a lot of people from different parts of the U.S. develop a closeness. I have not experienced the same type of camaraderie since then."

"My unit was nicknamed 'Walking Death' because not many of us survived," he said. He described the entire ordeal as "gory."

Hickman said he developed a lot of friendships throughout his ordeal. "We all were under the same pressure. I think this is the only place where you have a lot of people from different parts of the U.S. develop a closeness. I have not experienced the same

type of camaraderie since then."

Hickman stated although the Vietnam War forces were integrated, most of the black troops served on the front line.

Eighteen months after being in the "bush," Hickman said his return was one filled with feelings of confusion. During this period the Civil Rights Movement, the Black Panthers and the seriousness of the war were at their peaks. "People were not very receptive to us," he said.

"Three days out of combat, I was back home. It was very hard for me to adjust, society was too confining. I lived in the wilderness for more than a year and had become a part of the environment, like an animal," said the veteran.

Hickman said it was difficult to be in buildings over a long period of time and there were times when he slept outside to get a feeling of the "bush."

"There is not enough being done for Vietnam Vets, a lot of guys are suffering out there."

Hickman said he has been under a lot of stress over the last twenty years as a result of his war experience. For years, the government lacked programs to help the veterans face reality. Such programs are now being incorporated for those veterans of Desert Storm.

Hickman mentioned one experience he encountered when he arrived to work one morning. "As I was walking from my car I heard a squadron helicopters over head and

automatically dropped to the ground," he said.

"There is not enough being done for Vietnam Vets, a lot of guys are suffering out there." Hickman suggested that more psychiatric help be offered to them.

Hickman recently attended the Ticker Tape parade for the Vietnam veterans where he ran into "Rico" a serviceman who was in his outfit. He learned from Rico that out of 96 to 100 men in their company, only six of them survived.

Hickman's feelings, toward welcoming the servicemen from Desert Storm are receiving, were mixed. "I'm glad they're giving Desert Storm guys recognition, but what they got was overkill. They were stopped before they really got into any stuff."

Hickman said being in the military has been beneficial to him because it strengthened his character. "It has been helpful because I have been in contact with a lot of different people from different cultures and I have experienced a lot of growth."



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'We come of a fighting race'

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The heroism and bravery of the African American men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States, are examples of the deep commitment which we as a people have to preserve justice and liberty for all people. Even though we have continually been denied our basic human rights, and have been subjugated to some of the most vicious and brutal treatment inflicted on any people, we have always been in the forefront of any struggle to rid the world of tyrants and despots who have sought to enslave and trample on the freedoms supposedly guaranteed to all people.

Whether it was Crispus Attucks, a fugitive slave who was willing to fight against the severe British Navigation Acts and who was the first man to shed his blood in the first rounds of the War for Independence or Sgt. William H. Caney, who was the first African American to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in the charge of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers, we can see the legacy continued.

That we have served so well, and readily, is a wonder. When white colonists spoke out against the cruel and harsh treatment of the British, they apparently didn't want to analyze their own inhumane acts or participation in the infamous slave trade. Crispus Attucks' martyrdom on behalf of the colonists, should have moved them to reexamine their positions on slavery, but it didn't. The irony of the slave masters complaining about their lack of rights and freedom under British rule, while they held African men, women and children in bondage was the essence of hypocrisy and cynicism.

The Declaration of Independence, though a splendid document which embodies the best of ideas and beliefs, was in retrospect, a document written by men who denounced the forces who would deny the rights of any man, yet, who believed they were exempt from these universal laws, because they were slave owners themselves.

But, men such as Peter Salem, Seymour Burr, Barzillai Lew, Cuff Whitemoe, Salem Poor, Oliver Cromwell, and Pomp Fisk, just to name a few, all fought in the American Revolutionary War and became its unsung heroes. It is estimated that over 10,000 African Americans fought in the ranks of the Continental Army which had an enlistment of approximately 300,000 men. While there were some "free" Blacks, most were still

enslaved, and were promised their "freedom" at the war's end. While we know that "freedom" for most did not occur, we would still continue to fight in every major war and conflict this country would face.

Harriet Tubman, William H. Caney, John H. Lawson, Andre Caillous, Robert Smalls, Joachim Pease and others, all served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and performed numerous courageous acts.

President Lincoln wrote in a letter in 1864, that African Americans serving in the Union Army were a "crucial physical force essential to Union victory." The Secretary of War Edwin Stanton stated that "Blacks had done the hardest fighting" at a battle at Petersburg, Virginia, and General William F. Smith of the Union Army stated that "the blacks cannot be exceeded as soldiers."

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteers, which were portrayed in the movie "Glory" were excellent examples of the tenacity and fighting spirit of the men who served in the Union Army. When one of the soldiers was asked about the ability and willingness of the men in this all Black regiment to fight, he answered, "We come of a fighting race. Our fathers were brought here because they were captured in war, and in hand to hand fights, too. We are willing to fight."

African American regiments serving in World War I and World War II such as the 369th, the 370th, the 371st, and 372nd, were among the top regiments in the army. The Germans referred to the African American 369th regiment as the "Hell Fighters" and both feared and admired them. The Germans even tried to use some psychology on the Black soldiers in an attempt to get them to desert, by dropping circulars to them which asked: "What is Democracy? Personal freedom, all citizens enjoying the same rights socially and before the law. Do you enjoy the same rights as the white people do in America, the land of freedom and democracy, or are you rather not treated over there as second-class citizens?... Is lynching and the most horrible crimes connected therewith a lawful proceeding in a democratic country?" Good questions! No one ever deserted, but certainly, the questions raised were valid.

The Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, all have been fought with the help of many unsung heroic efforts of African men and women. There are so many, and there could never be enough accolades said about them. Needless to say, the world has been safer, from your deeds. Let's hope that one day, we too, will eventually enjoy the freedoms we have gallantly fought for.

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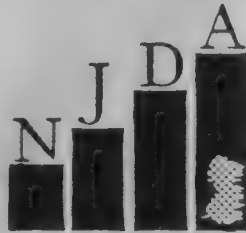
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John J. Hamilton, Jr.

When you go to different countries and see barefoot children, dirty, with maggots in their hair and starving, you start to see how blessed we are here in America," said John J. Hamilton, Jr., a former Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. "A soldier's role," he said, "is to maintain a strong defense and to protect our belief in freedom and democracy. Every veteran has added something to our country and we have to really be thankful to them."

Hamilton was in the Navy from 1968 to 1972 and then spent two years, until 1974, in the Reserves. He began in the amphibious forces, one of the roughest branches of the Navy. Most of his operations were in the Soviet Union and Middle East, he said, but he "did have a small part in Vietnam."

When asked about his most memorable experiences in the Navy, Hamilton described a series of racially motivated incidents. He said "half the men were in the KKK and they didn't mind a lot of fighting. They wore confederate flags on their jackets, posted them on their lockers," and started a lot of trouble. "I started talking back," said Hamilton, "and we were constantly fighting. The only time the prejudice eased off was when we got down to going onto the beach in a war zone. War has a way of bringing people together when their life depends on an individual."

Hamilton was drafted into the Army, and to avoid this, decided to join the Navy. His experiences there taught him how to deal with fear, how to get along with people and how to survive. He encourages young people to consider joining the service "because we all have an obligation as citizens.

But, you should also have a purpose, a plan for letting the service work for you. There are benefits in employment and education, and unique opportunities to gain life skills."

Through the Navy, Hamilton became a certified scuba diver and was able to travel to 26 countries including France, Italy, Sweden and Tangiers. He studied sonar technol-



John B. Hamilton (left)

ogy in the service and went into electronics when he came out.

Shortly after being honorably discharged, Hamilton said he "was hit with 8,000 volts of electricity and became totally and permanently disabled." Doctors told him there was no hope of rehabilitation, which led to years of depression and inactivity.

"Then I got involved in doing for others and my life started to change," Hamilton

"Every veteran has added something to our country and we have to really be thankful to them."

said. He has received many honors for his community service, including the Union County Volunteer of the Year Award and Jerseyman of the Week. He serves as a Commissioner with the City of Newark Office on Veterans Affairs, works with the Newark Literacy Campaign, senior citizens, the disabled, the homeless, and is host of a weekly cable show, "Community Crisis," on channel 26.

However, he is most proud of a pre-crime intervention program he developed using recreational activities to motivate delinquent youth to positive pursuits. "Just talking to kids and letting them see a different perspective can channel their lives," said Hamilton.

After years of physical rehabilitation, depression and unemployment, Hamilton was appointed to serve as Administrator, Grants and Community Legal Education at Essex Newark Legal Services. Though offered no hope of physical rehabilitation, Hamilton is now in excellent physical condition and attributes this turn around to "a higher power."

While he does not consider himself a super volunteer, he said "when you do for others, life has a way of coming around and doing for you."



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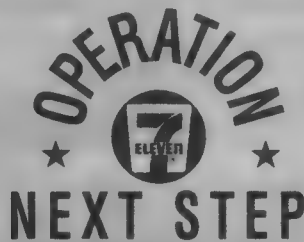
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PROCLAMATION

SALUTE TO AMERICA'S HEROES
HONORING NEW JERSEY'S BLACK MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE ARMED FORCES WEEK
JUNE 30-JULY 6, 1991

WHEREAS: This nation was built on the many sacrifices and contributions made by African-Americans in various fields ranging from the armed services to medical and scientific advancements; and

WHEREAS: For hundreds of years Black men and women have fought to maintain the freedom of a country that for many years denied them their right to be free; and

WHEREAS: Throughout American history, from Crispus Attucks to General Colin Powell, African-Americans have displayed their valor and patriotism through their active role in defending this country; and

WHEREAS: The instrumental roles of black men and women need to be recognized as an integral part of America's proud history; and

WHEREAS: As Mayor of the City of Newark, and as a veteran of the United States Army, I commend all our nation's African-American soldiers, both men and women, who fought valiantly for this country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, do hereby proclaim the week of June 30-July 6, 1991 as:

SALUTE TO AMERICA'S HEROES
HONORING NEW JERSEY'S BLACK MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE ARMED FORCES WEEK

in the City of Newark, and I urge everyone to recognize and appreciate the vast contributions made to this country by African-Americans by joining me in honoring these exemplary men and women.

SIGNED: _____

SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR



Salute to America's Heroes

New Jersey's Black War Veterans



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

By Assemblymen Bryant, Charles, Brown, Assemblywoman Bush,
Assemblymen Mattison and Watson

WHEREAS, Black men and women have fought bravely for freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, Blacks in the military from Crispus Attucks, a runaway slave who, during the Boston Massacre in 1770, was the first American to die for the cause of our Forefathers' freedom, to General Colin Powell, who as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ably and successfully directed American and Allied efforts in the Persian Gulf War, have displayed their valor and patriotism through their active participation and dedication; and,

WHEREAS, Black men and women, such as Pfc. Robert Talley, Pfc. Robert C. Wade, and Sgt. Leonard Russ who served their nation in the Persian Gulf, have given their lives to maintain freedom in this country - a country that many times withheld their right to be free; and,

WHEREAS, The roles of black men and women need to be recognized as an integral part of America's history and appreciated by all Americans; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

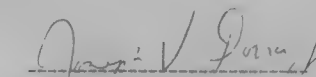
That this House hereby joins in proclaiming the Week of July 1-7th as "Salute to America's Heroes Week" honoring New Jersey's black men and women in the armed forces; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

Attest:



GAIL MARSH SAXER
Clerk of the General Assembly.


JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.
Speaker of the General Assembly.



State of New Jersey



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

SENATE RESOLUTION By Senator LIPMAN

WHEREAS, Black men and women have fought for freedom throughout American history; and,

WHEREAS, Blacks in the military from Crispus Attucks to General Colin Powell have displayed their valor and patriotism through their active participation and dedication; and,

WHEREAS, Black women and men, exemplified by Crispus Attucks, have given their lives to maintain freedom in this country--a country that many times withheld their right to be free; and,

WHEREAS, The roles of black men and women need to be recognized as an integral part of America's history and appreciated by all Americans; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

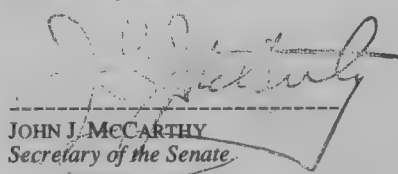
That this House hereby designates July 1 to 7, 1991, as "Salute to America's Heroes" week in the State of New Jersey, and pays sincere and solemn tribute to our black men and women who served so gallantly in the armed forces; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to America's Heroes in the City of Newark.

Attest:



JOHN A. LYNCH
President of the Senate.



JOHN J. MCCARTHY
Secretary of the Senate.



From Crispus Attucks to Colin Powell

Blacks look to the military for freedom, respect

by Stacey Peterson

The history of the African American soldier in the United States armed forces began with the continuing desire to seek better opportunities that were not available to them as inhabitants of this country.

From the early colonial days, where blacks were enslaved and not allowed to enjoy the benefits of being free, to today where the highest ranking official in this country's military is a black man, there has been a willingness to serve this country honorably as well as progress in this society.

During the 1600's, prior to the American Revolution, the fear of slave revolts were high which kept blacks from being welcomed into the military. Even though colonial leaders expected every available man to work to preserve the domestic order in the new world, this fear kept them from training and arming black men for combat.

Colonial leaders did allow free blacks to join but at the time they were only allowed to serve as drummers, fifers, laborer, and other areas that were believed to be non-threatening.

But, as the necessity for soldiers grew and the availability of white soldiers diminished, blacks were looked to for support and given freedom as well as land for courageous service. This aspect attracted many blacks to serve the colonial forces. They believed that after they were discharged they would be respected and elevated to a higher social status.

As the Revolutionary War got underway in 1775, the increasing fear of blacks by whites disallowed any recruitment of blacks for service. Colonial leaders believed that blacks were inherently inferior and untrustworthy for combat. So, in an effort to seek physical and political freedom, many blacks joined the British forces believing a British victory would result in victory for the black race as well.

Even though an estimated 5,000 blacks served in the Revolutionary War, their exploits were neither recorded nor recognized.

In 1861 when the Civil War began, blacks were purposefully excluded from participating in this war in order to keep the focus of the combat off of the slavery issue. But, as



in Revolutionary War days, as the number of white volunteers lessened, black soldiers were recruited and black regiments were formed by union generals without authorization from the government.

After the Emancipation Proclamation was issued in 1863, states began to actively recruit black soldiers due to a provision in the document. After the war, the Bureau of Colored Troops recruited over 185,000 blacks into the U.S. Colored Troops. Blacks were 9-10 percent of the Union Army and 1/4 percent of the Navy. These regiments, led by white officers, were used to fight Indians and help clear out the west for expansion. Units like the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry were prominent then.

During the time of the first World War, Selective Service ensured that the same proportion of blacks living in the country should serve in the military.

Many blacks felt that involvement in the war would lift their status quo and bring

about social change. More than 200,000 black soldiers served in France. Eight out of ten were laborers in the Service of Supplies. The small amount that actually saw combat were subjected to harsh criticism by the white officers.

One highly publicized incident in 1918 accused the 368th Regiment of the 92nd Buffalo Division, which today is highly regarded, as being cowards and fleeing to the rear of the combat lines. On the other hand, the 369th Infantry Regiment serving directly under the French received nothing but high praise from commanders.

Continuing to look to Uncle Sam for respect and a better way of life, more than 2.5 million blacks registered for the draft in World War II from 1941 to 1945.

Even though about half served in one of the four major services, the 10 percent black quota, set up by the War Department, was not reached.

But, this was the time when the topic of

black officers was actually approached. In 1940, officer candidate schools were opened to blacks and although it was a slow process, by 1942 appreciable numbers of blacks were graduated. Even so, black officers made up less than 1.9 percent of all military officers by 1945.

By the time of the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1953, the military had been officially desegregated and black and white soldiers could be seen fighting side by side.

Some units had not been integrated, though, as some of the early units committed to Korea were all black including the 24th Infantry Regiment.

In fact, in 1951, even though blacks made up 13.5 percent of U.S. forces, 80 percent of these soldiers were still assigned to all black units.

During the Vietnam Era from 1960 to 1973, blacks became instrumental in the make up of the military.

As people became torn over their feelings towards the war, confusion about black servicemen arose because suddenly, a large percentage of the U.S. military was black.

The rationale behind this phenomenon was because blacks felt they could obtain better opportunities for promotion through the integrated Army. Also, blacks did not tend to join outfits like the Reserves or the National Guard, or go to college which would allow them deferred status. Several whites who took advantage of those options were able to avoid service while the percentage of blacks being drafted grew to 16 percent but their percentage of the total population stayed at 11 percent.

Another reason why there were more blacks in the service was because once blacks joined, they tended to stay in the military longer than whites, volunteering for elite units such as airborne or air cavalry units. They then ended up having a higher casualty rate than whites.

During that turbulent time which consisted of civil rights protests and legislation racial pride and awareness, equal rights, and other criticism of governmental policies blacks began to actively seek their equal status in society.

From 1974 to 1984 which has been referred to as the Post Vietnam Era, a number of programs were set up by the federal government to promote equal opportunity in the armed forces.

The goal of these programs was to ex-
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Valor beyond the call of duty

by L. Michelle Odom

Cripus Attacks to Colin Powell

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amine the nature and extent of racial discrimination and work to exterminate these practices with studies and education.

From the abolition of the draft under President Richard Nixon to today, blacks and other minorities have seen the military as a place where they can get an education, earn a comfortable salary, obtain hands on experience, advance, and progress based on one's own merit.

There are a great many men and women who served, earned rank, and have made careers out of the service starting from the anxious slave during this country's youth who saw the service as a chance for freedom, all the way up to Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the most powerful military man in the United States. Proof that the ancestors were not too far off when they believed that a black person could prosper in the military.

Bishop Ernest L. Sutton, Sr. was drafted in 1944, to serve in the U.S. Military during World War II. Socioeconomic conditions in the country led him to devoting nearly 18 years of his life, until 1962, to military service, on active duty during parts of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

The 64-year-old Sutton, a Master Sergeant, was among the first groups of Black paratroopers, the 82nd Airborne, and said "we were so good in everything we did, they had to accept us."

When Sutton was called to duty during World War II he said "I felt I was going to fight to protect my family, that's how most of us felt...but we were treated as under dogs."

When he returned from Okinawa, Japan, not much had changed at home. "I was offered the same job I had before the service and was being supervised by a white man with less experience. There were no rights or recognition for the Black man," said

Sutton, and "I can't swallow all of the recognition being given to the soldiers returning from Desert Storm." He felt society was saying the skills gained in the service didn't count. So after a while of working in his old job, Sutton decided to re-enlist.

"I feel great about the way I was treated in the military," Sutton said, with the exception of the WWII period. He served in the Army, the Air Force, the Army Air Force and the Army Air Corp.

Sutton said he didn't give much thought to the reasons the Korean War was being fought. "I was a seasoned soldier and felt good about my role in training young sol-

"...we were so good in everything we did, they had to accept us."

diers" to fight in that war.

The best part of Sutton's military experience was his exposure to different cultures. Having travelled to every state and 13 countries, he feels the travel and educational opportunities made available to the military are good reasons young people should consider joining the service.

"When I started travelling, I realized how much I liked helping people," he said,

"I was offered the same job I had before the service and was being supervised by a white man with less experience. There were no rights or recognition for the Black man."

which led to his nondenominational ministry. "I was always in church and was a Sunday school teacher wherever I went. Travelling gave me a lot of insight," said Sutton.

Sutton served in several capacities during his years of service. He cleaned airplanes, he was a master jumper, a bodyguard, a bulldozer operator, and had charge of a prisoner of war camp in Korea.

One highlight of Sutton's military career was when he saved 100 lives during a construction operation. An unmanned bulldozer slipped out of gear and was rolling down a hill toward the camp, when "I jumped in and stopped it within an inch of the building," he said.

Another proud moment was in the late 40's in Montgomery, Alabama where segregation was very much the order of the day. An integrated group of soldiers from the 82nd Airborne went to the city one day and were told to use separate restrooms, theater seats and other facilities. "In the Air Force," said Sutton, "we considered ourselves integrated. So we came back with machine guns and tore the place up."

Twenty medals and accommodations have been given to Sutton for actions like defending the P.O.W. camp against guerrillas and prison breaks, and for the bullet wound in his stomach when he served at Okinawa.

A Commissioner for the City of Newark Office of Veterans Affairs, a volunteer at the V.A. Hospital in East Orange, and a member of several veterans organizations, Sutton said he is "always busy with community service."



Bishop Ernest L. Sutton, Sr is congratulated by Newark Mayor Sharpe James

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Black blood, sweat and tears build a nation

by Theodore Brunson

The Persian Gulf War, more than any other war, points to the lopsided contributions of blacks in defense of this nation, its policies and to the maintenance of the world order. Further it is amazing that with all of the racist psychological and emotional baggage that blacks have been carrying that they are able to perform well at all.

Anyone mildly interested in the military history of the United States is aware that the United States would not be a world power as it is today without the participation of its black men and women. Though in most wars or other American military engagement, the use of black troops has been an after thought as the military brass and the White House discuss the political implication of their involvement.

Beginning from the time of the American Revolution, blacks were in the forefront with the likes of Crispus Attucks, Prince Hall, Paul Cuffe, Phyllis Wheatley and others.

It is generally admitted by most historians that the Civil War, caused by the institution of slavery was won in large measure by the use of men who themselves were slaves...134,111 coming from slaveholding states with blacks making up to 12 percent of the Union forces. Their bravery has been noted by the high number of them receiving the nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor and their high losses of 678,178 or one third of the total enrolled in the Union army. The Congressional Medal was received by twenty-one of those serving with the Union forces.

Further, their involvement in the Civil War, by and large, was a win or die situation for black troops. To surrender for any reason during the Civil War was to commit yourselves to death or carnage. The Confederate troops in many situations would not permit you to live if captured because of their hatred for the black man. This is noted in the Fort Pillow Tennessee Massacre on April 12, 1864 where it is reported that 200 black troops were murdered. It was similarly reported to have happened a week later in Poison Spring, Arkansas where captured and wounded blacks were butchered. According to John N. Edwards of the Confederate General Jo Shelby's division, "The battlefield was sickening to behold. No orders, threats or commands could restrain the men from vengeance on the negroes"...

That the black troops were continually in a fish bowl being watched constantly while being segregated and being told in words and deeds that they could not fight.

The movies and history that are taught in the schools little notes the role that blacks have played in defense of this country. An example are the exploits of the troops during the Indian Campaign (1866-1890) known as the Buffalo Soldiers. They were so dubbed by Indians because their kinky hair resembled that of "God's cattle," the buffalo, with their woolly heads so much like the matted cushion that is between the horns of the buffalo. This was the name given in respect to their soldiering and fighting ability, and accepted by the Tenth Cavalry. It was subsequently adopted as the main character in the regiment's coat of arms. During this campaign, they earned eighteen Medal of Honors.

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Then during World War I, the 369th Infantry joined the French units and won the French Croix de Guerre or the Legion of Honor for their gallantry in action. They called themselves Black Rattlers and the Germans called them Hell Fighters.

During World War II, the 99th Pursuit Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group distinguished themselves, earning distinguished unit citations and many awards and citations.

As each subsequent military engagement was entered into blacks performed well, but it seemed that they could not earn the nation's highest honor. Why, you tell me?

In any event, the Persian War, with Generals Colin L. Powell and Schwarzkopf leading the predominate number of minority troops, was executed war in a very brief time. This points to our defense of freedom and equality and is yet another one of our many contributions to this United States and world order.

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Pages of History: As lived by five strong Black War Vets

by Stacey Peterson

Whether they joined on their own, were called to duty by their country, engaged in hand-to-hand combat, or basically worked to protect the borders of the free world, they are a brotherhood of individuals of the same ilk.

For these five gentlemen, four who served in World War II and one who served in Korea, their experiences may have been different, but their duties were performed with pride, dignity, loyalty, and distinction.

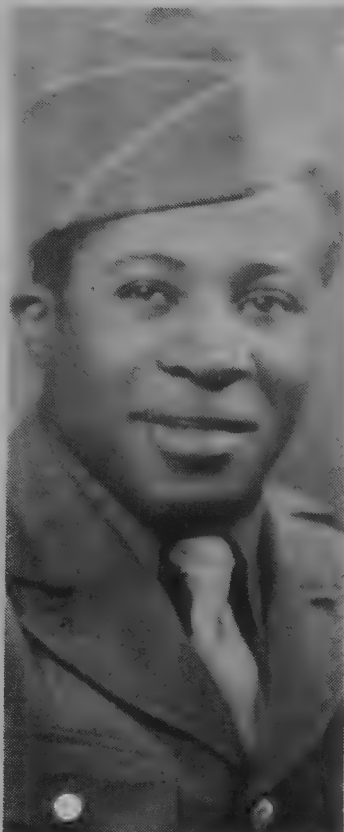
Army Sergeants Marshall Corsey, Arthur Veghte, Kenneth Mackey, and George Marsh spoke of a time that few today can even imagine. A segregated military and overt dislike from fellow white soldiers were givings for these men. But, it did not keep them

The American whites fought us all the way. They even posted signs around saying that we had tails that would go in in the daytime and come out at night."

from doing their best when called upon nor in giving respect for the organization that had been slighted them.

Marsh explained that in 1941 when he listed, his unit, the 46th Brigade Field Artillery, was the only black brigade of the time, but did not have any black officers.

He added that even though it was not a popular notion with the blacks, it was the only things were at the time.



Cpl. Benjamin B. Steward, 2nd World War, took basic training at Camp Lee, VA, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Hampton, VA. He then went overseas to England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and spent a total of 3 years and 9 months. He now resides in Cranford, New Jersey.

"It made you feel bad, but at that time we didn't know any better," he said.

He said that residents of the countries where he was stationed, like France, Holland, England, and Czechoslovakia treated the black soldiers warmly even though the white soldiers did whatever they could to promote hostility.

"The American whites fought us all the way," Marsh said. "They even posted signs around saying that we had tails that would go in in the daytime and come out at night."

This treatment is like a bitter pill to Veghte who said he would rather not put into words just how disgusted this made him feel.

"We just had to accept it at the time," he said. "It was the policy of the U.S. Army."

Veghte is especially proud of the black man's initiative and contribution to the military which is evident when he speaks.

He mentioned his tenure from 1939 to 1943, and his participation in the 92nd Infantry Division which was the last black outfit to participate in World War II. He also spoke of the 372nd Infantry Regiment which was federalized in 1940. It was derived from a separate black battalion of the New Jersey Guard, the equivalent of the National Guard, formed because blacks were not allowed to join.

"Even though our military was very strong, we were never given an opportunity to fight," Veghte said. "Blacks have always been the underdogs in the Army."

Veghte explained that the Army did not want the 92nd to succeed as no provisions were made for replacements as the unit lost a lot of men.

He takes solace in the many successes of black officers who are now so prevalent in the military.

"Before Truman desegregated the Army, I never thought I'd see the day when all these things would happen," he said.

The benefits of Truman's order were reaped by Sergeant Clarence Peterson who served in Korea from 1958 to 1961.

Even though the war had been declared



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over before he even enlisted, there were people still being killed from the effects of what was known as the Korean Conflict.

Peterson said he joined the service at the age of 19 mostly on a bet but now is glad that he did.

He explained that a bunch of his friends were hanging around and one dared him to join the Army. He and a buddy agreed to do it but on the day they were to enlist, his

He added that although it may have seemed unlikely, one of his best friends was a white soldier from Mississippi where whites are stereotypically depicted as racist.

friend backed out but Peterson went along with it.

In August of 1958, he set sail for Korea and noted that he really did not have to deal with the racial problems of black soldiers before him. He credits it to the fact that soldiers of different races were living together, eating together, training together, and relying on one another.

He added that although it may have seemed unlikely, one of his best friends was a white soldier from Mississippi where whites are stereotypically depicted as racist.

Although Corsey, Veghte, and Marsh saw conflict while Mackey and Peterson did not, they all have their own experiences, good and bad, that make their service stint memorable.

Corsey remembered when he was stationed in India and was part of a trucking outfit that carried supplies into China.

He said it helped to teach him a lot about packaging procedures for foods including the dehydration process which allowed for a new kind of cooking.

He also spoke about being a member of one of the first air drop battalions where foods were packed into baskets and canned goods were dropped as supplies for other soldiers.

Other memories include living in a jungle in the northern part of India and seeing people actually living in trees.

Marsh's unit also provided supplies for troops who were on the front line in Europe. He explained that for the most part, he was right in the combat zone where soldiers were constantly under fire. He said that even though it is hard to believe, he actually got used to the sound of gunfire.

"Eventually, you lose the fear," Marsh said. "At first you feel it but you get used to it."

"Sometimes, you actually forget the fear," he said. "It's so constant that you get used to it."

Even though Marsh did not fight himself and was not injured during the war, he said he saw thousands of people die as well as be carried into hospitals. Marsh said he would rather put the unpleasantness of the war behind him and just concentrate on the good times.

For Peterson, there were mostly good times. He recalls times when he played baseball, went bowling, and even got to be entertained by Elvis Presley who was also in the Army at that time.

During his service, he said he was never afraid of the unknown, just a little unnerved by it. He was stationed in what was known as a demilitarized zone on the 38th Parallel which separated North and South Korea.

"I was assigned to temporary duty to guard Freedom Bridge," he said. "There were U.S. soldiers on one side and North Korean soldiers on the other side."

These men who were as old as 19 and young as 16 when they enlisted into the Army saw it as a positive experience which has improved over time. Marsh said he was 16 when he joined and did so because he was anxious to do something with himself and the jobs just were not there. Mackey echoed this saying that when he came out of school

in 1938 there were not too many positions available for young black men and the Army was there.

Mackey is very proud of his association with the Buffalo Soldiers who at the time were one of four horse cavalries available to blacks.

He added that the Viet Nam soldier went into combat by himself and returned home by himself without any of the support shown today.

He retired from the Army in 1961 after serving for 21 years. He said because of the education available from the military, it is a good place for young black men to grow and prosper. He added that with technology being so prevalent, the military can provide hands-on training with state of the art equipment.

"When you come out of high school do you really know what you want to do with your life?" Mackey said. "The military gives you time to mature and learn and see what you want to do."

Corsey agreed saying that he sees it as a big way out for a lot of black men.

"I think I would do it again if I had to rather than spending time hanging out on the street," he added.

Peterson also likes the opportunities that the military provides saying that now, with the country's recession, the service may just be the way to go.

"Let the government support you," he said adding that the military has its ups and downs and if a person can put up with the regimentation and the obligation then they should do fine.

The men profiled here also share similar feelings towards their brethren who fought in other wars including Viet Nam as well as the very recent Gulf War.

They agreed that there is no glamour in war and it should be avoided if it can. They are also very happy for the respect that all soldiers are receiving after the success of Desert Storm.

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Education and travel: No. 1 reason for enlisting

by Terri Guess

Historians have noted that African Americans have participated in every war the United States was involved in dating back to the Civil War.

The war in the Persian Gulf like many conflicts before it saw a large number of African-Americans serve the country. The military personnel that *City News* had the opportunity to speak with all joined the service for the same reasons: to better educate themselves, for financial opportunities, and to travel.

Pvt. 1st Class Jumoke Kennedy, a 1990 graduate of Clifford J. Scott High School in East Orange missed the war by seven days. "Jumoke was scheduled to leave February 15," said her mother Clementine, "luckily the war ended February 8." Kennedy, the youngest of two children believed in her country. "She wanted to attend school and travel, the military offered both," said the older Kennedy.

Jumoke, who is presently stationed at Fort Lewis in Seattle, Washington will enroll in school for the nursing program this month. "There was no one who influenced Kennedy to join the service," said her mother. "She strongly felt someone had to protect

the country and that she was one to perform such a duty."

The war in the Gulf was also the first to have women serve in the line of duty and on the front line. First Lieutenant Janice Denise Priester, who is in the Air Force, described her experience in the Gulf as "traumatic." Priester, a registered nurse, was responsible for training Air Force Medical Technicians. She worked close to the front line in Dharhan and King Khalid.

"Hearing the sounds of bombs and wearing protection gear was devastating. Being near the front line, we received critical patients which had to be taken to the United States or Germany," she added. Priester, a college graduate, wanted to attain a masters degree in nursing without becoming financially drained. "Joining the service would enable me to pursue my career without paying the regular college expenses."

The Lieutenant said being in the military has helped build her character. "After participating in Desert Shield/Storm, my self-esteem has grown, I have a stronger sense of who I am and what I am capable of doing." Priester was deployed in October 1990 and returned in April. The length of time away from home put a strain on her relationship

with her fiancée," she said. "When I returned I had to recondition myself, neither one of us had patience with each other because we were used to different lifestyles."

Priester said the other disadvantage of serving in the Gulf is that she did not have the same financial security as she did when working full-time.

When asked if she would recommend joining the military to anyone she said "definitely."

"Being in the military is a rewarding experience. You are given many opportunities no matter what color you are. It also builds your character and makes you more responsible."

Tracey Lowe, a 27-year-old Newark native is a Aerovac Technician for the Airforce. After attending Kean College in Union, New Jersey, Lowe joined the reserves in 1988. "I was ready to experience a different way of life and learn more about the medical field while gaining hands-on experience," she said. Lowe was shipped to Ramstein Airbase in Germany during February. As an Aero Medical Evacuation Technician, Lowe flew critically injured soldiers stateside.

"Hearing the sounds of bombs and wearing protection gear was devastating."

"The military can give experience in any type of trade and you also get a chance to travel and learn about different cultures," she added.

Lowe's military unit, the 72nd Air Evacuation Squadron, also had the honor of participating in the New York Ticker Tape Parade.

Michael Morris, a Medical Service Technician from Elizabeth is active in the Airforce Reserve. Morris joined the service in 1979 and re-enlisted in January. His responsibilities in the Gulf were performing emergency care on soldiers from the front-line until they were transported to the States. Morris like many others joined the military to defray the cost of a college education.

Originally from South Carolina, Morris

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said when he graduated high school in 1979 there were very few jobs available for "certain people." After working menial jobs for 3 years, he decided to join the Airforce.

"The Airforce is more education oriented, it also helped me build my character, responsibility and self-esteem. You just have to look past the obstacles of prejudice but not be naive to it," he said.

Morris also suggested to anyone who has joined the service or is considering it to be brave and understand what you are getting into. "It is up to the individual of how patriotic they are but they must keep in mind the threat of war is an ever present thing and serving your country is your obligation." Morris like Lowe marched with the 438th MAW Banner in the New York Ticker Tape Parade.

Sergeant Bryan Benson of East Orange is a Medical Logistics Specialist in the Airforce. Benson, another Gulf War Veteran, was responsible for taking care of medical supplies and equipment. "The Gulf War was quite an experience. I had lonely and frightening moments which I will never forget," he said. Benson attended Cheyney



Michael Morris

University in Pennsylvania before joining the Airforce in 1986.

He also agreed that being in the military is a strong character builder. Benson said, "Anything a person experiences over a period of time will shape his or her character." Benson said after his duty is over February 26, next year, he will sign up for another 2 years.

Sergeant Charles Harris, of Mississippi, who will relocate to East Orange was with the 82nd Airborne Division who flew into Saudi on August 4. Harris, who is also a professional boxer is still on active duty at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. His manager, Carolyn Kelly spoke on his behalf.

"After participating in Desert Shield/ Storm, my self-esteem has grown, I have a stronger sense of who I am and what I am capable of doing."

"Harris joined the Airforce to educate himself and to travel," said Kelly. He was described as having an extraordinary character which was enhanced while in the service. "The service helped Charles develop what he already possessed. As an affirmative action officer to the 82nd Airborne Division, Harris has transferred his strong character over to black youngsters who show an interest in the military," said Kelly. Harris is scheduled to complete his tour of duty in December after which he will move to Newark and become the head coach of the First Class Championship Development Center in Newark.

Leon A. Wilson, a counselor at the Newark Veterans Center, is a Vietnam Veteran. Wilson, a former Army Lieutenant, suffered a traumatic experience before he returned from Vietnam. In 1968 on a helicopter run from divisional headquarters at Chu Lai to his support base on Hill 445 to collect mail, the helicopter began its descent to Hill 445, the engines stalled and the chopper flipped over and fell 500 feet into the valley.

The helicopter caught fire and Wilson, who had been knocked out, woke up and dragged an injured soldier out of the fiery wreckage, an act that earned him the Bronze Star. Wilson bears burn marks from the 1968 experience, but said he carries no emotional scars, even though counseling for veterans was not available to them.

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A Patriotic Salute To Our Troops

by June A. Baker

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Our prayers were there
And every chance we could get
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Cried silently....
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And breathed a sigh of relief
At reports of low casualties
Of U.S. troops

Who left their families
To risk their lives
In the Middle-East country

Some might have been
Somewhat reluctant....
To engage in war
Yet, there was steadfast support
From The U.S. Army, Marines,
Navy and Air Force
Who emerged skilled and strong
As they fought hard and long
To bring a quick end
To a short but long war

Still it's a tragedy
That we resorted to war
On January 16, 1991
Because innocent lives were lost
Leaving us to mourn
As we look back on
Contributions to international order
"Thank God" the war
Didn't last longer

Troops armed with more than courage

Kept things together
And weathered Southern Iraq's
Bloodstained desert....
As troops became
Emotional and physically drained
Yet, spiritually high

Those who died
In the cause of "democracy"

Left their legacy
By opening doors
For neighbors over seas
Who sacrificed for a taste
of *democracy and peace*

Now we share hope
And the belief
That remaining problems
In the Middle East
Will rapidly cease
For the sake of humanity

Though we think of yellow
As a pretty color now
We pray day-by-day

That all ribbons will come down
As our troops' feet
Set upon home grounds

And although we celebrate
The death of a war
We salute our troops

Simply because....
America's acquisition....
Is a mission accomplished
As the city of Kuwait
Is known today
As being liberated.
So we say "thanks"
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One crisp morning in the fall of 1868, the urgent call of the trumpets split through Fort Wallace, Colorado. This call signaled the troops of the ninth and tenth Cavalry of the United States Army to action. These troops had been ordered to look for Cheyennes on the warpath. The black troops under command of Captain Louis H. Carpenter saddled their horses, mounted, and formed ranks. White troopers looked on with respect at the way the Brunettes sat in their saddles. Others called them Buffalo Soldiers.

Two years before in 1866, an act was presented before Congress to permit the formation of four Negro regiments to be designated as the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry. The purpose of these regiments was to help wage the Indian Wars and make sure there was safety for settlers. They campaigned from 1867-1891 in the Great Plains along the Rio Grande in Colorado, in what is now New Mexico and Arizona and last in the Dakotas. Negroes could not serve in the army before this act was presented because they were said to be ignorant slaves, unable to use guns and couldn't be trusted to have them in their possessions in fear of an uprising against their white masters.

After the soldiers were allowed to join the army, they had many trials. They had to fight against discrimination and prejudice, lack of water at times, and climate. Their equipment was not as good as the white troops, including everything from horses to food and shelter.

They were not given fair credit for their achievements. More than white soldiers during that time, the black regiment was guilty of less bad conduct, very little drunkenness, and few desertions.

During the spring of 1867, hard training for the black regiment started. The troops learned the discipline it takes to make good soldiers. They felt like they belonged. They were now ready to cross the "danger water" to fight their enemy, the Indians who christened them Buffalo Soldiers.

The Indians had never seen black men before, especially black men in uniforms. They became excited and started talking to each other when they saw the black kinky curls on the heads of the black soldiers. They said that the soldiers' hair looked like a buffalo's shaggy mane. The Indians called them Buffalo Soldiers for their sacred animal, the buffalo. The Indians respected them for their fighting ability.

Medals of Honor were given for heroism, and outstanding performance of regular duties were building the reputation of the Buffalo Soldiers. Some exciting events raised their reputation higher over the years.

The Buffalo Soldiers' triumphs made up for their trials. Their first triumph came when they fought their very first battle against the Kiowas and Comanche Indians after the Civil War. They said that these Indians were the finest horsemen of all but the Buffalo Soldiers beat them. Trial by fighting taught the Buffalo Soldiers the difference among the many tribes they fought.

Emanuel Stance, another Buffalo Soldier, won a Medal of Honor for courage in 1870. It was the first of thirteen to be awarded during the Indian Wars. Mr. Stance was sent to Texas and was assigned to F, 9th Cavalry. He turned out to be a great leader and a first-rate fighting man. In May, he went with his troops to look for the red raiders because the red raiders had been stealing horses. Mr. Stance and his ten troops saw a band of Indians stealing some horses. Mr. Stance said, "Charge! Open fire!" The Indians ran away and left the horses. The next day Mr. Stance drove off another Indian attack when he said, "Charge!" His troops got back twenty horses.



The 10th Cavalry was lead by a white lieutenant and he had fifteen black troopers that saved General William T. Sherman from an ambush by the Kiowa Indians. General Sherman went out West to see the problems caused by the Indians. The Kiowas knew he was coming and decided to attack him. The Buffalo soldiers were small in number but the dust cloud they raised scared the Indians away.

Another triumph for the Buffalo soldiers happened when quiet Private Barney Howard helped forty other Buffalo soldiers be strong and make it during the time they got lost and didn't have any water. They went without water for 86 hours. This is what happened. Orders had been given for them to scout the Plains of western Texas and track down the Apaches for terrorizing

by
**Elijah
Pannell**



the area with vicious raids. They got a Mexican guide to lead them in the hot month of July. The guide didn't know where he was going and they all got lost without any water. Some of the men got sick and some of the horses died. The men drank horse blood, and put sugar in horse urine to make it sweet. Private Barney Howard forced himself to be strong and told funny stories so the men would take their minds off water. Finally, they came to Double Lake where they drank some water.

When the Spanish-American War started, all four regiments of Buffalo Soldiers were sent to the front line. They were sent to the front line because they were among the readiest and fittest units in the army. At Las Guasimas they charged up a hill and directed volleys that silenced Spanish fire that was killing the Rough Riders. Still again they came to the rescue of the Rough Riders at San Juan. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt of the Rough Riders said, "I wish no better men beside me in battle than these colored troops showed themselves to be." For all of them, the 10th Cavalry crest with a shaggy bison above the motto stands as a valiant emblem "Ready and Forward."

More of the Buffalo Soldiers' great achievements were from:

*Corporal Clinton Greaves, 9th Cavalry. At Florida Mountain, N.M., 1879. Gallantry in hand to hand combat.

*Sergeant Thomas Bayne, 9th Cavalry. At Mimbres Mountains, N.M., 1879. Bravery in action.

*Sergeant Benjamin Brown, 24th Infantry. Arizona, 1889. Although shot in the abdomen, in a fight between a pay master's escort and robbers, he did not leave the field until he was wounded again in both arms.

*Sergeant John Denny, 9th Cavalry. At Las Animas Canyon, N.M., 1879. During the Spanish-American War he moved a wounded comrade to safety while under heavy fire.

*Sergeant Henry Johnson, 9th Cavalry. At Milk River Colo., 1879, he voluntarily left fortified shelter and under heavy fire at close range made the round of pits to instruct the guards; fought his way to the creek and back to bring water to the wounded.

*Private Augusta Walley, 9th Cavalry, received bravery in action when he encountered hostile Apaches at Cuchilla Negro Mountain, N.M., in 1881.

I feel the Buffalo Soldiers were brave, strong, fearless, and fought excellently for their country. I also feel that the Buffalo

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Buffalo Soldiers Deserve The Glory

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Soldiers should be more recognized in history than they are. Through it all the Buffalo Soldiers were remarkable. They are still **Standing Up!** They put their lives on the line for Old Glory.

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Soaring toward their dreams

by Stacey Peterson

Would you trust a 17-year-old high school student to drive your brand new car to the supermarket? Well, Reverend Russell White allows them to fly airplanes solo.

On Evergreen Place in West Orange, inner city youths are being trained in the art and skill of flight with an impressive success rate.

White speaks proudly of his 18-year-old program called Eagle Flight Training Academy and the 266 graduates who have obtained their pilot's licenses and are flying for companies such as UPS, USAir, and Continental Airlines.

"It's been very rewarding," White said. "We've had some very fine people come into the program who leave as highly qualified pilots."

But to White, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, and founder as well as director of this unique organization, the successes do not begin or end with an issued pilot's license which is why he starts his students out at what would be considered a relatively young age.

As stated in the information flyer the goal of the program is to give students the opportunity to learn how to fly a plane while improving their grades in school.

Any student between the ages of 11 and 15 are invited to join at no cost to themselves. After acceptance, the students are required to take courses in public speaking, math, English, writing, and life skills. That is before they take their aviation courses which include cross-country navigation, flight systems, aircraft systems, and flight simulation.

The students meet once a week on Thursday evenings for a 3 1/2 period with advanced students meeting for an additional 3 1/2 hour session on Tuesdays.

White emphasizes that there is nothing simple or easy about Eagle Flight. He demands hard work, respect, and accepts nothing less.

He said that each student wears a patch with the Eagle Flight code stressing dignity, honesty, and integrity. He refers to his program as a prevention program.

"Everything you see today is focussed on rehabilitation," he said. "Very few things deal with prevention. That's why you see a lot of young men in jail or doing nothing. You can't continue to promote kids if they're not ready and if they don't have the proper skills."

He explained that as a pastor, he sees a lot of this problem all the time but he also sees the solution is motivation.

White said that the sky is the limit for anyone as long as they have the proper motivation.

He pointed out that so many opportunities for self-improvement and growth face



Rev. Russell White, center, at Welcome Home tribute for returning Desert Storm Troops

inner city youths everyday of their lives.

As an example, he mentioned something as commonplace as the sky. Students need to realize that so much can be gained by

learning to fly, to put the planes together, maintaining them, and expanding with them, he said.

"People have to travel," he said, "how else are they going to get there if they don't fly?" he added as he cited it as still the quickest way to travel.

He also touched on ships, their necessity, and just who is sailing these boats.

"What kills me is that we're surrounded by water, but none of these kids are taking the time to learn how to sail," White said.

He said that students need hands on experience to attract them to these forgotten, often ignored, but necessary careers.

"Are any of these kids studying marine biology?" he asked.

He suggested that the science curriculum in schools should include taking youths to the waterways, having them take samples themselves, study them under a microscope, and find out for themselves just what is in the water.

White said that instead of waiting around for programs, young people need to take some initiative along with some guidance from their parents.

In the near future, Eagle Flight will have a sister program called Sea Eagles which will teach young people the aspects of sailing and nautical technology.

White is now in the process of putting it together but Eagle Flight will not be slighted.

"I've been flying since I was 14-years-old," he stated. "A guidance counselor tried to discourage me from wanting to be a pilot but I didn't let him."

"My parents helped and guided me and told me I could do anything I wanted to do," he said.

He explained that in the 1950's he spent five years in Germany in the National Guard. When he returned to the states, he joined a helicopter unit where he acted as a chaplain thus peaking his interest in religion.

Explaining the origin of Eagle Flight, he said that he was working in the East Orange School system mostly with truant students when one day he caught some kids cutting class. As he was talking to them, a plane flew overhead which inspired him to begin his own flight school.

"What are they going to do with their lives?" he said suggesting flight school as a way for students to apply themselves.

Since there are no tuition fees, the program is financed through grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the city of East Orange, and private donations from individuals.

He proudly stated that about 80 percent of his students go onto college to study anything from aeronautics to law. Many of them also join the military, focusing on the United States Air Force Academy.

White stated that every student is a success and there have been no accidents during the 18 years of the program.

"Accidents happen on the ground that's why the training is so rigorous," he said.

Eagle Flight owns two planes, a Cessna 150 for initial flights and a Cessna 172F for the more advanced training. Their on-site training takes place at the Essex County Airport with training overseen by the Caldwell Flight Academy.

White said that the students are taught to feel pride in their schoolwork, the way they carry themselves, the strident drills he works them through, as well as their flight training.

"So much is based on ideas," White said. "One idea will spawn another. And now is the time because now will never be here again."



Jackson Named ROTC State Cadet of the Year

by Michelle Odom

Keisha Lynn Jackson, a 15-year-old, 10th grade student at Plainfield High School recently received two awards for her role in the ROTC. She was awarded "Outstanding Cadet of the Year" competing against 24 ROTC units throughout the state; and "Cadet of the Year for the Air Force," among the eight ROTC Air Force units, she said. These awards are based on her exemplary service as commander of her unit, her 4.0 grade point average and her record of community service.

Jackson is especially proud of these awards because she competed with upper classmen who have been involved with ROTC for longer periods than she.

In addition to these impressive honors, Jackson is a candidate for a multiple award by Who's Who in America, based on the recognition she has received from this group over the past three years.

As Commander of the Plainfield High ROTC, Jackson said she "directs a functional staff of ten people," who are responsible for completing tasks such as fund raising events and organizing the unit to participate in parades and competitions.

Jackson devotes a lot of time to doing an effective job. In addition to her ROTC training, Jackson is careful to give credit to God and her family. She said her family has given her the kind of space and guidance she needed to develop these leadership skills. "My family has never pushed me to do anything. They let me make my own decisions, and I like that," she said.

With the experience she has gained over the two years she has been involved with ROTC, Jackson is considering a career either in the Air Force or as an engineer. She was first attracted to ROTC in the eighth grade when recruiters visiting her school described how ROTC training could be used as a foundation for an engineering career.

"That's what I really want to be," she said, "and I am trying to do everything right now to build toward that goal." This exposure includes an all day program on Saturdays called PACE (Programs for Acceleration in Careers for Engineering) at the Nyerere Institute in New Brunswick, and the AT&T Summer Science Program, an internship.

"ROTC (Reserved Officer Training Corps)," said Jackson, "teaches you leadership qualities. It provides training you would need if you decided to join the military, and can help in getting scholarships."

"...it trains me for leadership, teaches me responsibility and how to balance school and work projects, and you develop really great relationships."

Jackson devotes several hours a day to commanding her unit, arriving at school at 7:30 a.m. each morning for drill practice, and staying there until 7:00 p.m. most evenings taking care of administrative matters. One class period a day is in ROTC training. Each academic year, the unit studies a new subject, such as how planes are used in wars, and how flying effects people.

"I love ROTC," said Jackson, "because it trains me for leadership, teaches me responsibility and how to balance school and work projects, and you develop really great



relationships. It's not just biased toward the military, but instills qualities needed in corporate America as well."

Keisha Lynn Jackson is one teenager excited about success, and is well on her way to achieving the well thought out plans she has made.

Young People Still Need the Military

The negative response of black and Hispanic communities to the recent Persian Gulf War should not be misinterpreted as a desire in those communities to see a significant decrease in military personnel. In fact, it is quite the contrary. Enlisting in the military has always been an important avenue for young blacks and Hispanics to get a hold of themselves, develop discipline, and acquire skills.

Retired Lieutenant Ray Rubel who oversees the Plainfield High School ROTC recently went before the Plainfield City Council to plead the case for keeping his program in light of the base closing in New Jersey. While speaking after school with Lt. Rubel around 4:30 p.m., we watched his students selling baked goods so that they could participate in some of the ROTC programs. We watched as they interacted with each other and their customers—proud young men and women in their military uniforms.

One of America's most touted military heroes, General Colin Powell has said time and time again that the military is an equal opportunity employer that gives everyone a chance.

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